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Parkway team re-roofs five churches in Jamaica

By Jehu Brabham

"Sign me up, Sign me up for the Christian jubilee. Sign me up, place my name on the roll." These words recently reverberated through the streets of Granghill, Jamaica, as members of Granghill Baptist Church and the Parkway Church, Jackson, mission construction team joined in a gospel chorus.

The Parkway team was a part of "Project Jamaica," disaster relief effort of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, following Hurricane Gilbert. Since January 2, 1989, Southern Baptists have sent to Jamaica 500 volunteers from 17 states, \$200,000 in funds for church reconstruction, and over 120 tons of food.

Billy Whitton, Alan Jones, Rodney Cummins, Roger Hamilton, Ronnie Vinson, Don Molpus, Pat Prestwood, Gene Sylvester, Wayne Russell, Charles Gardner along with team leaders, Ken Anderson and Jehu Brabham, went to Jamaica as representatives of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department's Disaster Relief Ministry. Last year a Parkway team built a mission church in Brazil.

The Parkway team arrived in Jamaica on May 6.

John Baxley, on-site project coordinator for the Brotherhood Commis-

sion, and Sebert McKoy, a Jamaican Baptist pastor, needed our team to drive several hours far back into the poverty-filled mountain region of West Central Jamaica and replace the roofs on five churches.

On Sunday, McKoy invited our team to attend services at one of the churches we were to repair. Arriving at the Fullers Field Baptist Church at 10 a.m. we were invited into the one-room, unfinished concrete block, tin-roofed building. I can assure you that no one in our group will ever complain again about the length of our pastor's sermons at home. When the morning service was over, it was 3 in the afternoon. What a service of singing, praise and preaching! We heard some of the most precious and powerful praying we had ever heard. The Lord was surely in that place as we sat to worship.

Monday-Thursday, the team removed old zinc roofing, repaired broken and rotten rafters, rebuilt porches, and nailed on new zinc roofing. The work was done in spite of hot, humid weather, driving rainstorms, and large groups of curious onlookers. How would you like to have a rope tied around your middle in order to stay on a steep roof during a rainstorm?

At the end of our week's work every

objective was accomplished. Five buildings were repaired and re-roofed, testimonies had been shared daily, personal one-on-one witnessing had been experienced, new friendships had been built and a new meaning of going into all the world as an ambassador for Christ had been shared. Many tears of love and kindred spirit were shared as we left McKoy, his family, and the people of the Fullers Field, Granghill, Little London, Mt. Peto, and Pettersfield Baptist churches of Jamaica.

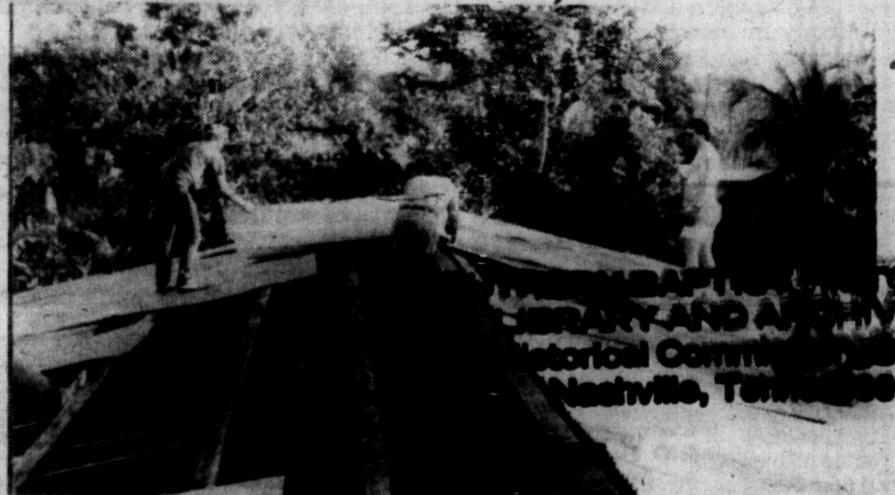
As we were leaving the airport Saturday morning on our way back to the United States, someone asked the question, "Why did you men from Mississippi spend your money to come down here to Jamaica to rebuild our churches?" The answer was swift and forthright! "We came in the name of our Savior and Lord to 'be doers of the Word and not hearers only'."

Our Parkway mission team probably will never know, this side of heaven, the impact of the week's work. However, we know some day in heaven we will join our Jamaican Christian friends singing, "Sign Me Up, Sign Me Up, For the Christian Jubilee!"

Brabham is business administrator at Parkway Church, Jackson.



Parkway team members in Jamaica were back row, left to right — Alan Jones, Pat Prestwood, Ronnie Vinson, Don Molpus, Wayne Russell, Gene Sylvester, Roger Hamilton, and front row — Ken Anderson, Billy Whitton, Rodney Cummins, Jehu Brabham, and Charles Gardner.



Members of the Parkway team replace rafters and zinc roofing on a church in Jamaica.



Clarke Phi Theta Kappa members, Sue Chaffin and Janet Spencer participate in Mississippi's "Adopt a Highway" program.

Hungary gets high-profile TV coverage

BUDAPEST, Hungary (BP) — Hungarian Baptists were on MTV — Magyar (Hungarian) Television, that is.

Such high-profile coverage was new to the 12,000-member Hungarian Baptist union, but it came along with playing host to the European Baptist Federation Congress, held July 26-30 in Budapest.

Church musicians from all over Hungary brought their vocal and instrumental talents to Budapest. The event's congregational singing and choir were accompanied by an orchestra of 40 musicians. For six months, 720 Hungarian Baptists practiced the convention's music so they could be the core of the 1,000-voice choir for the meetings.

... new winds of change blow ... through Hungary.

Participants were treated to brass band music at the beginning of each day and at intervals throughout the week. Strains of "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Power in the Blood" floated across the Budapest downtown area from open-air concerts held outside the sports hall where the congress met.

The new winds of change blowing through Hungarian life touched people at the meetings, particularly those coming from other socialist countries.

"People feel something is very new," said one Hungarian layman of the congress. The president of the Hungarian national assembly addressed the opening session and said complimentary things about Baptists. "This is unusual for the ears of (Eastern Europeans)," the layman observed.

Chinese Christian leaders endorse party, state actions

By Erich Bridges

NANJING, China (BP) — Chinese Protestant leaders, in their first public statement since the June government crackdown on student protests, have "resolutely endorsed" the recent decisions of the Communist Party Central Committee.

The statement, dated June 27, was released by the China Christian Council and Chinese Christian Three-Self Patriotic Movement Committee.

The Communist Party Central Committee met in late June and purged General Secretary Zhao Ziyang from party leadership, charging him with support of the turmoil created by the student protesters and attempts to split the party.

The committee reaffirmed China's economic reforms and opening to the outside world, but called on the nation to "check turmoil thoroughly and quell the counterrevolutionary rebellion."

In May the Christian council issued a statement of strong support for the students' demands and asked the government to enter into a dialogue with the students. But after the June 4 crackdown in Beijing, the Protestant leaders found themselves in a difficult and dangerous position, like other Chinese who voiced support for the students, observers noted.

The Protestants remained silent for more than a month, and their June 27

statement came later than similarly worded statements from Chinese Catholics, Buddhists, Daoists and Muslims.

In other Chinese Christian developments:

Amity Press in Nanjing is continuing to print Bibles without hindrance, according to reports.

— Some Chinese Christians have

reported that conversions to Christianity actually have increased since the crackdown, especially among students. But a June 14 government decree reportedly outlawed foreign radio broadcasts, including Christian broadcasts, and imposed fines for anyone caught listening to them.

Erich Bridges writes for the Foreign Mission Board.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS — These two Jackson students were the first to receive a certificate in gerontology, now being offered by Mississippi College. Pictured from the left are Wonda Ware, James Curet, and Ed McMillan, vice-president of graduate studies and special programs. Both Ware and Curet were the recipients of the master of science degree in recent commencement ceremonies.

Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

Students are the key

As we approach or have just begun a new school year, we find problem spots in Mississippi Baptist education pursuits. There are no problems at Mississippi Baptist educational institutions, however, that the enrollment of more students would not cure.

And that is what this issue of the *Baptist Record* is all about. We are striving to call the attention of the readers to the positive aspects that are to be found in Mississippi's Baptist educational opportunities.

At the same time, it is calling on those educational institutions to provide the type of quality Christian education that Mississippi Baptists have reason to expect.

That is not to say that such opportunities of Christian education are not available. In the times in which we live, however, an attitude of distrust concerning Baptist schools is evident. It is incumbent on those institutions not only to provide that sort of education but also strive to make it known that it is available.

Mississippi Baptists are affiliated with five educational institutions. The

colleges are Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, William Carey College with its main campus in Hattiesburg, and Mississippi College with its main facility in Clinton. William Carey also has campuses on the Gulf Coast and in New Orleans. Mississippi College has its law school in Jackson and the Clarke College division in Newton.

Mississippi Baptists also are affiliated with two hospitals with educational endeavors. The Mississippi Baptist Medical Center is located in Jackson. Then Mississippi Baptists join with Baptists in Tennessee and Arkansas in the ownership of Baptist Memorial Hospitals with the main unit in Memphis. There are satellite hospitals in Mississippi.

The question continues to be heard — what is the advantage of sending a young person to a Christian school when a first-class education is available at much less expense at a tax-supported institution? The answer, obviously, is that there is no advantage unless the church-related school provides a Christian atmosphere in all

areas of its curriculum and throughout its campus. When that sort of Christian education is available, the advantages are present beyond measure. With those conditions present, the basis for a quality and meaningful life is there and the school will produce graduates who will prove themselves to be extraordinary members of their churches and of their communities.

Those kinds of students are the products that make Christian education worthwhile, and they are the students who are interested in that sort of education and who are interested in obtaining it who make it all possible.

With the confidence of students in our colleges must also come the support of their families, for the colleges must have parents' confidence also. And as this is being contemplated, it must be remembered as well by the parents that the colleges cannot work miracles. The students who enter our colleges will be the sons and daughters of their parents. They will be the products of their families and of their churches. How they react to



being free and on their own for the first time in their lives depends to a great extent on what they have learned before they get to college.

The colleges need the support of the families in this respect also.

Baptist beliefs . . .

Temptation

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed, then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." — James 1:14-15

Satan does not tempt us in our lower nature. He tempts us in our higher nature, seeking to get us to express it in a lower manner. My seminary professor, W. Hersey Davis, defined sin as "an illegitimate expression of a legitimate desire." This is the sense of these verses from James.

The Greek word *epithumia* may read "desire" (Luke 22:15) or "lust," depending upon the context. In Luke Jesus used it in the sense of legitimate desire. The New King James Version of James 1:14-15 uses "desires" (v. 14) and "desire" (v. 15). In my judgment

"his own lust" (KJV) or "desires" (NKJV) refers to one's legitimate desire. In verse 15 "lust" (KJV) is correct, meaning that Satan has perverted a legitimate desire into evil lust.

God has given us certain legitimate instincts and desires. When expressed within his will, they bless us. When perverted by Satan's will, they curse us. Here we see legitimate desire (v. 14) which Satan perverts into lust.

James uses fishing language. Other than in Matthew 17:27, this is the only reference to hook and line fishing in the New Testament. And Satan is the fisherman. "Drawn away" means lured out of a place of safety. "Enticed" means baited like a fish.

A good fisherman knows which bait will best catch certain fish. Satan does not fish with a net but with a hook. He knows which bait you are most likely to bite (sex, power, wealth, popularity, etc.). In God's will you are safe. With evil design he keeps casting his hook at you until your legitimate desire becomes lust expressed in his will. So you strike, thinking that the bait will be your meal. Only to find that you are caught by Satan's hook and have become his meal.

Then James changes his figure to conception and birth. Your legitimate desire perverted in lust conceives sin. When it has run its term, it produces death. It is no wonder that James warns, "Do not err [be led astray], my beloved brethren" (v. 16).

Herschel Hobbs is pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City.

Romans 5:20.

Daniel B. Towner composed the music for her hymn. He was a native of Pennsylvania and for 15 years served as music director for Methodist churches in New York, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Beginning in 1885, he assisted D. L. Moody in his revivals; and in 1893 became head of the Music Department at Moody Bible Institute. He was the composer of many gospel songs and is best remembered for "At Calvary" and "Trust and Obey" and for this tune named MOODY.

William J. Reynolds is professor of church music at Southwestern Seminary.

By J. B. Fowler

Monument Avenue in Richmond, Va., is lined with the monuments of Confederate heroes. Two of the most striking, magnificent monuments are to the memories of Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

Not too long ago I stood before the monument to Stonewall Jackson and remembered his last words: "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."

Born in Virginia in 1824, Jackson distinguished himself in the first Battle of Bull Run. Facing overwhelming Yankee odds at Bull Run (Manassas, Va.), on July 21, 1861, Jackson's men held their position in the midst of a hail of bullets.



Fowler

Trying to rally his Confederate troops in the heat of the battle, General Barnard E. Bee saw Jackson and his men holding the line of battle and shouted to his weary troops, "There is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Let us determine to die here, and we will conquer."

The name stuck. And from that time on, Jackson was known as "Stonewall."

Jackson was greatly loved by his men. One observer said Jackson's men would "meet death for his sake, and bless him when dying."

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Jackson graduated in the upper third of his class. It was no little accomplishment for Jackson whose

life by amputating his left arm, but to no avail. When Lee was told of Jackson's mortal wounds, he replied: "He has lost his left arm, but I have lost my right arm." Eight days later, on May 10, Stonewall Jackson died.

It was a Sunday — clear and pleasant. Jackson, a devout Christian,

Hymns Baptists sing . . .

Grace greater than our sin

By William J. Reynolds

When Julia Harriette Johnston was six years old, her family moved to Peoria, Illinois, where her father became pastor of First Presbyterian Church. An outstanding student, Julia began teaching in her high school soon after her own graduation.

As a teenager she began working with children in Sunday School, an activity that across the years became a major interest of her life. She became widely known for her leadership skills

and was invited to speak at state and district meetings.

She wrote a number of books — devotional, biographical, and missionary — and many poems and articles for religious periodicals. Her interest in poetic writing led her to write hymns, and she eventually wrote more than 500.

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin," sometimes known by the first line "Marvelous grace of our loving Lord," was written in 1910, and is based on

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“Lift up Christ in Mississippi”: state offering goal — \$567,500

The goal for the 1989 Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering is \$567,500. The season of prayer for the mission emphasis is Sept. 10-13.

This special offering, taken in churches each year, funds a number of special ministries which depend heavily on the offering.

Two of the traditional recipients of the offering are the girls and boys camps in Mississippi. Central Hills Baptist Retreat at Kosciusko for boys and Camp Garaywa at Clinton for girls each receive \$150,000 from the offering. Each operates a summer cam-

ping program for children and teens during which missions is taught and practiced.

New missions — the funding of property purchases to start new church work — will receive \$145,000. Disaster relief will receive \$35,000 and \$30,000 will go to church building aid and pastoral aid.

The Parchman prison ministry, which is aimed at the families of inmates at the state penitentiary at Parchman, will receive \$20,000. Student work on black campuses is slated to

receive \$15,000 and missions awareness will get \$10,000.

The work of a church planter in Pearl River Association will receive \$7,500 and special ministries will get \$5,000 — \$1,800 for National Baptist and \$3,200 for Indian work.

Theme for this year's offering is “Lift Up Christ in Mississippi!” Program materials have been sent to each Mississippi Baptist pastor and Woman's Missionary Union director with suggestions for a churchwide emphasis.

The Second Front Page

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Exec Committee approves \$19,581,130 budget for '90

By Tim Nicholas

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board approved passage of a 1990 Cooperative Program budget of \$19,581,130 and voted to ask board management to work toward a \$1 million minimum reserve fund.

The committee also approved hiring Dennis Atwood as associate Baptist Student Union director at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The 1990 budget is only 2.5 percent more than the income expected in 1989. The budget must be approved by the full convention board and then the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November.

The budget committee, a committee of the convention board, wanted to develop a budget related to the amount of shortfall expected this year, according to budget committee chairman Larry Otis of Tupelo.

The 1989 Cooperative Program budget is \$19,103,541 with a shortfall of \$1 million expected. At the end of July, income from participating churches was \$825,509 less than the budget goal for the first seven months of the year.

“We put a very conservative tack on this thing,” Otis told the Executive Committee. The budget group took the expected income for 1989 and added 2.5 percent to it to produce the recommended budget for 1990.

In turn, the Executive Committee approved a motion from the budget committee that the 1989 budget officially be reduced by the \$1 million expected shortfall. Executive Director Bill Causey told the committee that convention board offices have already been directed to reduce expenditures to attempt to coincide with expected income.

In addition to revising the 1989 budget and basing the 1990 version on expected income for 1989, the Executive Committee approved the budget committee's recommendation to place the Expanded Church Annuity Plan money back within the overall

budget for both years.

Each year the convention returns money to churches participating in the Expanded Annuity Plan. This helps fund the retirement program for ministers. Heretofore, that amount, which is a locked in figure, was excluded from figuring the percentage which goes on to Cooperative Program causes outside the state. For the past two years, motions have been debated on the convention floor to place that money within the budget instead of separating it out before figuring in the percentage leaving the state.

The placing of the plan money within the budget for 1989 changes the percentage for SBC causes from 37.5 percent to 36.03 percent. This takes into account the \$1 million overall budget reduction. Cooperative Program causes will receive \$6,882,578 instead of \$7,257,578 as the original 1989 budget called for.

However, the revised 1989 amount will be increased for 1990 a half percent to \$7,152,987, or 36.53 percent of the total budget. This is actually a \$270,409 or 3.9 percent increase over 1989. And it continues the one-half percent addition to SBC causes as in previous years.

The Executive Committee also passed a recommendation from the budget committee that the first \$500,000 income over the budget next year be allocated 25 percent for SBC causes, 25 percent for Mississippi Baptist Convention causes, and 50 percent for Christian higher education causes. A stipulation was agreed to by Carey trustees that William Carey College not receive any portion of such an overage because of prior year encroachments.

On recommendation of the budget committee and Causey, the Executive Committee also approved taking \$67,795 from a Baptist Record escrow account and placing it in the newspaper's budget and that \$77,827 in the fund balance “which was the

amount of the overage received by the Board Programs in 1988 be allocated to the 1990 FICA and Insurance budget.” The Baptist Record escrow account was established to be applied to postage costs if necessary in lieu of raising subscription rates.

The 1990 budget will give \$3,363,884 to Christian higher education (including \$115,000 designated for Clarke College), \$583,223 for education capital needs; \$6,695,428 for board programs, and \$12,428,143 for other state causes.

The \$1 million minimum reserve fund was requested by Causey to be developed to protect what is now called the fund balance from being spent on any but matters the Executive Committee deems emergencies.

Atwood comes to the convention
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EDUCATION ISSUE



SCHOOL OF NURSING — This trio of Mississippi College School of Nursing students discuss the class schedule for the fall semester which opens later this month. Pictured from left to right are Anne Brannon, Clinton; Mary Carol Westfaul, Brooklyn; and Ruth Lynn Page, Como.

Powell declines Annuity post

DALLAS (BP) — Paul W. Powell has given a final “no” to his July 25 election as president and chief executive officer of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

Powell, pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas, told his congregation Sunday morning, Aug. 13, “It's my feeling and my conviction that I shall remain the pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church.”

According to the Tyler Morning Telegraph, Powell received a standing ovation from the congregation when he made the statement.

Powell, an Annuity Board trustee five years, was the unanimous choice of a seven-member search committee to become chief executive officer to succeed Darold H. Morgan, who has agreed to serve until a replacement is in place.

When he was nominated, Powell asked for more time to consider the decision. He earlier had declined the nomination, but agreed to reconsider after trustees voted unanimously to elect him.

Monroe Association begins new office building

A groundbreaking ceremony was held July 23 at Becker to commemorate the new associational office building for Monroe Association, Rick Spencer, director of missions. The floor plan calls for a total of 3,246 square feet. Spencer said that the office will house a media library, secretary's office, director's office, workroom, two conference rooms, a

reception area, and a meeting room with seating capacity of 75 to 100 people. The office will serve the 32 Southern Baptist churches that make up the association as a site for conferences, continuing Christian education, information and media dispersal, missions development, and associational ministries coordination and administration.



Taking part in groundbreaking ceremony for Monroe Association were, left to right, Jerry Young, husband of Nell Young; Nell Young, secretary; Julian Thompson, pastor, Athens Church; Paul Hawkins, committee member; Mark Cason, pastor, New Prospect; Clayton Adams, executive committee

member; George Henley, pastor, Becker Church and chairman of building committee; H. L. Robinson, committee member; Jim Manley, moderator; and Spencer.

(Photo by Bonnie Parham, Amory Advertiser)

An open letter to parents of college students

By Jerry Merriman

In recent weeks, college students have made preparations to enter the exciting, challenging world of college. As parents, you have been a vital part of the preparation experience. For some students it is a "first;" for others, it is a resumption of the collegiate journey.

Whichever the case, I want to encourage you as parents to remember that Baptist Student Union stands ready to help your student(s) experience the very best that college years have to offer.

BSU, as it is widely designated throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, is our Baptist witness on 39 college and university campuses throughout Mississippi. It is directed by a gifted staff of full-time, part-time, and volunteer directors who love students and who are committed to meeting their spiritual needs. Last year, approximately 25,000 students were reached through the Cooperative Program ministry in our state.

Baptist Student Union is a family that shares common purposes . . . namely to lead students to commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It provides a well-balanced approach to spiritual development and seeks to preserve the Christian values developed and encouraged by both home and church environments. In short, BSU is Christ centered, student led, and church related.

So don't forget to remind your collegian(s) as college careers are launched or continued that BSU is a friend who cares and wants to be a meaningful part of the spiritual journey.

Jerry Merriman is state student director.

Cities, towns, and even college campuses are most often remembered by certain landmarks and monuments or by persons who over a period of time endear themselves to their constituents. One such person on the Clarke College campus in Newton is J. B. Costilow, the Baptist Student Union director.

On June 4, Costilow, known more affectionately to his Clarke constituents as "Bro. C," began his 34th year as BSU director. An understanding and caring example for students, "Bro. C." often becomes the object of many loving and affectionate jokes since he now ranks as the faculty/staff person who has been with the college for the longest time period. Ironically, he never intended to become BSU director and certainly didn't intend to remain in that job which he began in 1956.

A native of Grenada County, J. B. Costilow held various jobs in Grenada, including work as a clerk at the Western Auto. In 1944, he married Virginia Beck, who was from Carroll County. On September 22, 1948, "Bro. C." made the most important decision of his life. On that evening somewhere between 6:20 and 6:50 p.m. in the home of Glenn Eric Wiley, J. B.

Costilow became a new man in Christ. Early the next year, he felt God's distinct call on his life to enter the ministry, was licensed to the ministry; and then in June, he entered Clarke Memorial Junior College.

After he graduated from Clarke in 1951, this minister moved his wife and children to Mississippi College while he completed the work for his bachelor of arts degree. After MC, he attended Southern Seminary. While there he worked as a member of the

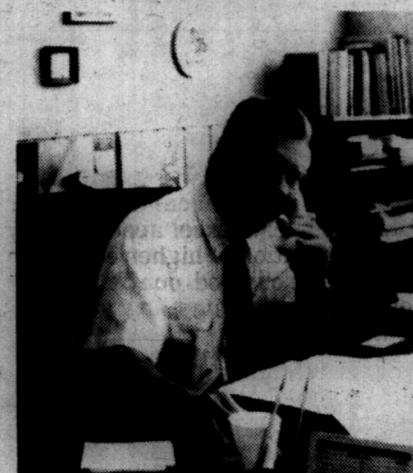
Kentucky Temperance League and as pastor of Smyrna Church in New Trenton, Ind.

When he finished his master of divinity degree, Costilow applied to return to Clarke to teach in the sub-collegiate program, which at that time, was a vital part of the institution's program. He learned that such a position was not available but that the school did need a Baptist Student Union director.

Costilow stepped into a strong BSU program which had been established by his predecessor, Louie Farmer. According to Costilow, his job was easy. All he had to do with was take the program and keep it going. About the only major difference he says he sees between the BSU program now and the program in 1956 is that "street preaching" is no longer a standard practice of BSU programs.

Says Costilow of his life at Clarke "BSU has a spirit you cannot forget. It is the spirit that stirs commitment and places the challenge, making the students feel that they can do something about everything. BSU is the Bold Mission Thrust in action in the lives of college young people."

Juanita West is admissions assistant at Clarke College.



J. B. Costilow

Carey students will return to full schedule

Students returning to or entering W.C.C. for the first time this fall will find themselves thrust into an exciting schedule of events directed by Diane Jamison, Director of Student Activities. Fall activities will begin with the early arrival of Student Government Officers for a workshop to increase their preparedness for the new year. Each student at William Carey is a member of the Student Government Association, and the officers assume the responsibility of planning a sufficient variety of activities to meet the needs of a diverse student body. This year's leaders are Glenn Matthews, a theater major from Poplarville who serves as president, Susan Lofton from Gautier, vice-president, Mobile resident Tracy Leonard, secretary, and Tim Fell of New Orleans as treasurer.

All new students and their parents are invited to a reception to be held on Sunday afternoon, August 27, in the Student Center. Designed to provide an opportunity for students and their parents to meet and talk with members of the faculty, this is part of the emphasis on nurturing personal relationships between professors and students.

The day will begin early on Monday when New Student Orientation will concentrate on showing students how to make the most of their opportunities at Carey.

A special handbook compiles for new students and titled, Total Information Packet for Sader Survival or TIPPS will be distributed and will erase the fears of "not-knowing" from students' minds. Representatives from campus organizations will explain extracurricular choices. Pacesetters will lead small group activities focusing on ways to adjust satisfactorily to campus living. Out of these small group activities, the bases of peer-counselor relationships between the student and the Pacesetter working with them can be established. "We want this orientation to be done with a personal touch," emphasizes Ms. Jamison.

"Woodstock-Carey style" is the theme of the Welcome Back Party scheduled for Monday night. Hosted by the Student Government Associa-

tion, the entertainment will feature a Sixties Fashion Show reviving bell-bottom jeans, peasant dresses and paisley prints.

During formal registration on Tuesday, local Baptist churches will man booths dispensing information on activities planned especially for college students. A remote broadcast by one of the local radio stations will liven up the campus during the day.

Concluding the week, the Student Activities office will host a barbecue on the porch of Wilkes Dining Hall on Friday.

Ms. Jamison, declared that "By the end of the week, every student should feel like a part of the Carey family. We are leaving no time for homesickness."

Security station resembles gazebo

The gazebo styled security station is only the most visible of significant improvements currently underway, according to Steve Smith, Dean of Students. Lobbies are being refurbished in Bryant, Ross, and Bass Halls. The thorough cleaning in process includes stripping and waxing floors, replacing broken fixtures and correcting problems in shower areas. The Student Center has been redecorated, partly with the contribution of labor by student volunteers. The appearance of the grounds of the large tree-studded campus continues to improve.

Smith announced that a new food-service vendor has been contracted for the fall semester. After visiting another campus served by this vendor, Smith remarked that "He (the manager) fits in with my staff. He cares about the students and wants them to be pleased. He is also very creative and has ideas he wants to implement as the year progresses."

Smith praised his entire staff, saying that he had been able to assemble a group that was "second to none. They are competent, caring people and that is the guiding principle of our office. We want to provide services in a spirit which reflects the example of

Pre-Registration Held At William Carey

Pre-registration for all new students entering the Hattiesburg campus of William Carey was held to arrange each student's schedule of classes. Students were advised in individual conferences held with a faculty member in the student's major area of study. Directed by Sarah Burrus, Registrar; Brenda Waldrip, Director of Special Services, and Nancy Odom, Admissions Officer, the pre-registration ended with a picnic-style lunch for all participants. Tim Bailey, Director of Student Marketing and College Relations emphasized that "This is just another example of Carey's commitment to the student as person."

the Christ we serve."

"What a lovely idea! Will you hang ferns or bougainvillea? How appropriate for a campus in the Deep South!" were representative of responses generated by the early stages of construction of a new security station on the W.C.C. campus. An octagonal structure reflecting the architectural style of the original buildings is nearing completion by Dr. Dorman Laird, professor of religion and a talented carpenter. Mistaken for a gazebo, the wooden building features dentil work and braces repeating those on nearby Ross Hall. Dr. Laird commented that students, and more particularly, their parents, were complimentary when they believed the structure to be a gazebo added for aesthetic purposes only; however, they became even more favorably impressed upon learning the function of the building. The Security Department will use the building as a communications center and to maintain personnel in close proximity to the women's dormitories.

Conscious of increasing concerns nationwide about campus safety, William Carey administrators are expanding efforts to provide a safe environment for W.C.C. students.

Pacesetters Chosen

Pacesetters, a newly formed group of students chosen to represent William Carey College, made their first appearance at the recent pre-registration held on Hattiesburg campus. Criteria for selection includes leadership potential, academic standing, participation in extra-curricular activities and a commitment to the ideals of the college. "They are bright, wholesome youth full of promise" according to Steve Smith, Dean of Students. The primary purpose of the group is to assist the staff in the recruitment and retention of students. They will represent W.C.C. at denominational youth gatherings, visit high schools to talk with prospective students and host visiting groups on campus. Dressed in "Crusader Red" blazers, the group will be expanded to the coast campus in the future. Students selected in the debut group include: Susan Lofton of Gautier; Monica Gaston of Gautier; Stephanie Stephens of Cullman, Alabama; Tara Sumrall of Hattiesburg; Janie Vandiver of Tupelo; Glenn Matthews of Poplarville; Taylor Ruckel of Hattiesburg; Billy Reynolds of Petal; Rusty Thomaston of Gautier; and Tim Fell of New Orleans, La.

Scholarship recipients named

Bennie Crockett, chair of the scholarship committee at William Carey College, has released 1989-1990 recipients of Presidential Honors Scholarships.

These students must score a 28 or above on the ACT, and they must demonstrate a superior high school grade average, a role in leadership and service, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

This year's recipients are: Bradley K. Arnett, Nathan Barber, Lonnie C. Burchell, Roger G. Harr, William A. Haks, Angela Jones, Tracy Leonard, Susan Lofton, Kelly Rouse, Tara Sumrall, Joseph Tatum, Jennifer L. Welford and Linda S. Winnard.

Grant leads prayer retreat at Carey

David Grant heads a committee finalizing plans for a prayer retreat for Carey trustees, administrators, and members of the Denominational Advisory Council. The retreat will be held near Laurel at the farm home of Charles Pickering, co-chair of the DAC. Others who will lead the retreat are Frank Gunn, co-chair of the DAC, Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the MBC, Bob Self, trustee, and James Edwards, interim president.

According to Grant, the proposal for a "time for spiritual awakening" grew out of a trustee meeting in which members struggled for answers to the financial crisis facing Carey. Grant said, "In other years when I have been struggling for an answer as pastor, I always took my problems to the Lord. He has all of the answers and the resources." In a subsequent meeting, Joe Dale, chair of the trustee board, appointed the committee to lead a prayer retreat to seek God's will for the college. Grant said that college leadership is seeking God's guidance not only in ways to solve the financial problems, but in all areas. He continued, "Out of the retreat will come a renewal of faith and a commitment to the tasks at hand."

Edwards has listed this prayer retreat as a first priority following an initial meeting with the Denominational Advisory Council. The retreat will be followed by a joint meeting of the DAC and trustees to begin evaluating the mission statement and purpose of William Carey. According to Edwards, these two meetings are the first priorities of leadership and constitute the foundation for initiating long range planning.

MC will embark on 164th journey

By Norman Gough

Some things weaken with age. Others grow stronger!

Mississippi College, the nation's second oldest Baptist-supported institution, falls into the latter category and has the credentials to prove it.

Founded in 1826 and taken over by Mississippi Baptists in 1850, Mississippi College is ready to embark on its 164th academic journey on Aug. 26 with stronger academic programs and greater national recognition than ever before in its history.

Leadership has been the key and it has come from Lewis Nobles, president since 1968 and recently recognized as one of the 18 "most effective college presidents in the United States."

As any effective leader will do, Nobles credits the college's success and its increased national reputation as a "team effort," giving recognition to the faculty, staff and alumni.

Writing a year-end letter to supporters this past school year, Nobles said, "Because of dedication, support and commitment of our team, Mississippi College has experienced a year unprecedented in growth, expansion, and new endeavors. Enrollment remains on the increase, as does financial support; an excellent faculty continues to serve as professional role models for our students; academic opportunities at the college are widely recognized; and the expert guidance of our mission team has allowed us to venture on previously uncharted ground."

Teamwork has vaulted the small, denominational college into the national limelight, but none of the team workers are ready to sit down and en-

joy the success. Nobles, in particular.

"We are pleased with the progress we made in 1988-89, but we must never be content with status quo. We must continue to move forward... to strive to meet the educational needs of our young people, to excel academically as an institution of higher education and to serve our God, our church, our community, our state, and our nation," states Nobles.

In the black

Although the college's academic stature continues to grow year after year, it is its financial stability that has attracted the envy of other educational institutions located from the East Coast to the West Coast and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. With the books on the just completed 163rd session now closed and ready for auditing, the college finished its 57th consecutive year of operation "in the black."

"We exceeded our revenue projections and related expenses, which will allow a reserve to be earmarked for academic computers," said President Nobles. Money from the Annual Fund exceeded \$1.3 million and overall giving was over \$3.5 million for the fourth consecutive year. In addition, over \$46 million has been pledged through the Mississippi Mission campaign with over 50 percent going to Mississippi College.

Enrollment, too, has been on the upswing and during the 1988-89 session there were 4,221 students enrolled, representing an 11 percent increase over the previous year. Things are looking even rosier for the 1989-90 academic session with admissions ap-

plications from new students as of Aug. 1 running well in excess of ten percent over this same period last year. Enrollment at the School of Law located in downtown Jackson is on the increase as well, with a regular division enrollment increase of 47 percent over the last decade and six percent the previous year.

Quality has increased as well as quantity. There have been 13 National Merit scholarships awarded for the 1989-90 school year which opens next week. These 13, when combined with the 49 merit awards issued during the last three years, gives Mississippi College one of the highest concentrations of National Merit scholars in the Southeastern United States.

Besides attracting quantity and quality, the college is also having a positive impact on the students as reflected in a recent national poll just released. Mississippi College was selected as one of only 92 senior colleges in the country to appear on the 1989 Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of Character Building Colleges. The honor roll is a listing of schools "which best exemplify campuses that encourage the development of strong moral character among students."

"Character building has, and will always be, an important part of the education process at Mississippi College. This is what makes us distinctive," said President Nobles.

The appearance on the character building honor roll list follows on the heels of Mississippi College's selection as one of the nation's 200 colleges and universities to appear in "The Best

Buy in College Education" as released by the New York Times. A national poll also reveals that Mississippi College ranks in the top eight percent of all private colleges in the country in the number of graduates who later earn a doctorate in a research field.

Last January Mississippi College was selected as one of only ten schools in the nation to receive a Sears-Roebuck Foundation Grant for the Improvement of Undergraduate Teaching and Learning. The other nine schools were Boston University, Cornell, Columbia, Marquette, Emory, Vanderbilt, Syracuse, Southern Methodist University, and the University of Miami, putting the Baptist college in with some strong heavyweights.

This past school year saw Mississippi College initiate a semester abroad program with 15 students spending the entire spring semester in London, England, with a similar group from Louisiana College, the Baptist college of that state.

The college also opened a full-time office in downtown Jackson to better serve the needs of the metropolitan community. Located in the Deposit Guaranty Plaza right in the heart of the downtown business and financial area, the office is staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applications are up

The Office of Admissions reports that as of Aug. 1 there were 920 new applications on file, up from 774 at this same period last year. "We feel real good about our admissions report," said Jennifer Trussell, director of ad-

missions, "and are very appreciative of the work our admissions counselors, faculty, and staff have done in the recruitment process."

With admissions applications still arriving daily, it looks as though there will be a hefty increase in transfer students and also in dormitory residents. Transfers were up over 100 at last report over the same period last year while dormitory students were running well ahead of the 1988 figure.

The Fall semester officially gets underway at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, as freshmen students report for residence hall assignments and general orientation. The orientation session begins at 1 p.m. in Provine Chapel's Spell Auditorium as students and their parents gather to meet and hear from administrative personnel and representatives of the Student Body Association.

Academic advising for the new students will begin at 2:30 p.m. with faculty members, while parents will be hosted at a reception in the B. C. Rogers Student Center by Dr. and Mrs. Nobles.

"Life of Campus" will be the subject for a 6 p.m. session for students in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center. They will become better acquainted with student life and activities and have the opportunity of meeting personally the SBA leaders. The day will close out with a 7 p.m. ice cream party.

Sunday will find the first-year students attending the church services of various churches in the

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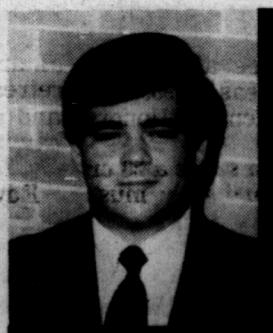
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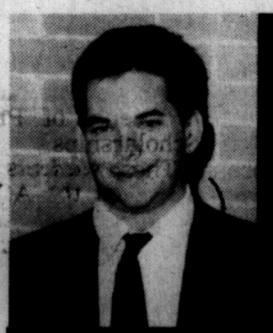
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Med Center offers education opportunities

By Laura Jones

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, the state's largest, nonprofit general hospital, offers students exciting educational opportunities in the schools of Medical Technology and Radiography. MBMC also holds clinical affiliation with Hinds Junior College's schools of Respiratory Therapy and Practical Nursing where students rotate through the hospital to do their clinical work. In addition, nursing students from nearby colleges and universities do their clinical training at MBMC, and residents from the University School of Medicine rotate through selected services.

Medical Technology is the branch of medicine that is responsible for the performance of laboratory determinations and analyses that the physician uses to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health. The school maintains affiliations with Mississippi College and Mississippi

State University which allow the proper transfer of credits for those who wish to substitute their year in medical technology for their senior year in college.

The radiologic technologist is specifically trained to assist the radiologists (specially trained medical doctors) in radiological (x-ray) procedures. The technologist is invaluable in the technological aspects which aid in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. The applicant must have a strong math background and have scored 15 or above on the ACT. He or she must be at least 18 years old and have a high school education or the equivalent.

"Meeting the challenges that these medical professions bring give our students valuable 'hands-on' experience and a strong rapport with their instructors, leading physicians, and expert health clinicians," said Kent Strum, MBMC executive direc-

tor. "These vital elements, in addition to a caring, Christian working environment, produce graduates of whom we're proud. When our students graduate, they are prepared to find good jobs and are rewarded by the tremendous sense of service that comes from helping others."

Gina Osborn, a former radiology student at MBMC and now a radiologic technologist at MBMC, said she chose to come to Baptist for several reasons. "I had always heard good things about the radiology school here, and two doctor friends of my family highly recommended Baptist. The classes are small, and our class became very close. Good relationships were built during the two years of school, not just with classmates, but with others in the department. We worked hard, really hard, those two years; but we learned so much."

A recent graduate of MBMC's Medical Technology school, Vickie

Lawrence is working in the laboratory at MBMC. "I went to Mississippi College for four years and then came to Baptist to complete my Medical Technology education," she said. "I decided to come to Baptist after I saw how large the laboratory facility is here and because of the Christian atmosphere. The first time I visited the lab I could just tell this was a Christian environment. I talked to the instructors and the employees who had been to school here and was very impressed. After completing Medical Technology school, I chose to work here for the very same reasons."

In addition to the education programs and up-to-date clinical experience, MBMC emphasizes spiritual enrichment. An active Baptist Student Union led by Kathy Bearden, BSU director, offers Christian fellowship and fun activities for the students. Retreats, volleyball games, singing groups, religious em-

phasis week, raising money for missions, luncheons and get-togethers promote friendships and encourage Christian involvement and growth.

"Being a part of BSU just gave me the strength to study and get through some tough times," Gina said. "It's so important to be sensitive to the patient and to forget yourself. BSU helped me with that. It also allowed us to form a bond with the students in the Medical Technology school. Our BSU director, Kathy Bearden, was always there to help. Somehow she paid attention to all our needs. I don't know what I would have done without BSU — it was such a vital part of my two years in school."

Vickie Lawrence agrees with the importance of BSU in her school life. "BSU sustained me through some hard times. We would work hard all day and study all night, and BSU gave us an outlet to unwind and enhance

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Blue Mountain can boast of "strong student leaders"

By Becky Bennett, Dean of Students

I have been told that Psalm 121 has been read for every opening session of Blue Mountain College. I know it has been read for the first gathering of all students, faculty, and staff for the past ten years. That is how long I have had the privilege of being dean of students here at Blue Mountain. Our college family considers this "our Psalm."

Houston
Sitting here in the hills of northeast Mississippi it is easy to "lift up mine eyes unto the hills" and expect help. The help always comes. We have learned to rely upon the Lord and let him provide for us through things that we can't provide for ourselves. Sometimes that help comes from Mississippi Baptists and sometimes it comes from concerned alumnae and friends of the college. Whatever the source, we are very thankful that there are still committed Christians willing to be used of God to meet the needs of others.

In looking forward to the fall semester, I think immediately of the wonderful student leadership that we have here at Blue Mountain College. Without these strong leaders our campus would lack the creativity, enthusiasm, and individuality needed to make Blue Mountain the ideal academic setting that it is. We are led by a strong administration. Our professors are always prepared and up to date, our facilities are the very best they can be under the restrictions of limited funds; but our students provide the excitement that creates the positive attitudes that make the Blue Mountain College campus a delightful place to pursue a college career. These student leaders look to God for the help and guidance necessary to fulfill their responsibilities and obligations. I would like to let you know more about three of our exceptional young people.

Bevin Gregory is the president of the Student Government Association for 1989-90. Bevin is from Corinth and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray N. Gregory. Growing up in First Church, Corinth, Bevin participated



Houston

After graduation from Blue Mountain College, Bevin plans to pursue a master of music in organ performance at Southwestern Seminary. Bevin is like many of our other students in that she is attending her mother's Alma Mater. Mrs. Lena Jolly Gregory is a 1958 graduate of the college and taught math at Blue Mountain from 1962-1964.

Bevin Gregory's life has changed since coming to Blue Mountain College as a freshman. She says that she has grown and matured both mentally and spiritually, developing her leadership skills and becoming more self-confident. Blue Mountain College is the real winner! We are a better place because Bevin Gregory chose to give herself to us.

Amy Moore is president of the Baptist Student Union for our new school year. She is a native of Southaven and is a member of Colonial Hills Church there. We appreciate Amy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Moore Jr., very much. Not only did they send us Amy but now they are sending us a second daughter! Jennifer Moore will be joining her sister this fall at Blue Mountain.

Amy is an elementary education



Moore

Gregory

major and she is spending this summer in New York City as a summer missionary. Amy says ministering in New York is a real education in itself. I quote from one of her letters: "believe me, I will never complain about being bored again — oh, if I could only smell a cow or squeeze my toes in the delta mud!"

Amy is a creative and sensitive young woman committed to finding God's will for her life. She is beautiful both physically and spiritually. She will add needed enthusiasm and zest for life to our new school year.

Jerry Houston Jr. is president of the ministerial alliance here at Blue Mountain College. Jay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Houston Sr. of Ashland. Jay and his wife Seresa live in Booneville where he serves as pastor of Candler's Chapel Church. In September Jay will be leaving his pastorate to become associate Baptist Student Union Director at Northeast Mississippi Community College and after graduation, plans to continue his education at seminary.

Like most ministerial students here at Blue Mountain, Jay has either been pastor of or held staff positions in local churches while enrolled in school full time. While this is difficult to do, it certainly provides the experiences necessary to help young ministers grow and mature in faith!

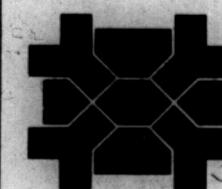
I have seen many ministerial students learn patience and tolerance while continuing their witnessing for the Lord in youthful exuberance. Jay Houston is no exception. He too, has matured while enrolled at Blue Mountain College. Jay is a fine example for other ministerial students and a credit to our ministerial program here at the college.

These three students were chosen by their peers to fill the three most prestigious student roles at Blue Mountain College. While Gregory, Moore, and Houston are outstanding student examples they are not alone. Many other students possess the same qualities and characteristics as these three. I was reading it in my Bible. "Spiritual miracles are far more amazing than those concerning the physical universe." Blue Mountain College has a student population made up of "spiritual miracles" — (Continued on page 11)

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ADMISSION OFFICE — It has been an exciting time in the Mississippi College Admissions Office with applications running well in excess of ten percent over the same period last year. Processing the applications is Jennifer Trussell, director of admissions (seated), assisted by student workers Tara Lytal (left) and Tracy McMillan (right). Both workers are daughters of Mississippi College faculty members, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lytal and Coach and Mrs. Terry McMillan.



FINANCIAL AID — More and more students are applying for financial aid at Mississippi College than ever before. Handling the many requests are Tom Prather, Director of Financial Aid (right) and Carol Clendenon, secretary in the Financial Aid office. They are shown reviewing some of the forms in preparation for the new semester.

MC will embark on 164th journey

(Continued from page 5) greater Clinton area. They will visit Morrison Heights Church in Clinton for morning services and a noon luncheon and then will visit the recently completed facilities of First Church of Clinton for Sunday evening worship and a fellowship period.

From 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday Dr. and Mrs. Nobles will welcome the students with a reception in their home across from the main campus.

Freshmen and transfers will continue orientation on Monday, Aug. 28, with transfers congregating at 8:30 a.m. in Provine Chapel and freshmen at 9 a.m. in Swor Auditorium of Nelson Hall. These sessions will be followed by more academic advising and preparation of class schedules throughout the day.

Registration

Registration is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 29, in A. E. Wood Coliseum. Transfers begin the registration process at 9 a.m. and continue through 11 a.m., while freshmen students report for registration at 1:30 p.m., reporting in time segments alphabetically according to the first letter of their last name.

The schedule for freshmen will be

A-G, from 1:20-2:15 p.m.; H-P, from 2:15-3 p.m.; and Q-Z, from 3:30-4 p.m. Students are asked to follow the registration steps outlined in the Schedule of Classes that has been prepared for them.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 9 a.m. in the A. E. Wood Coliseum. They are to report according to the following schedule: SENIORS — A-L, 9-10 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11 a.m.; JUNIORS — A-L, 1-1:45 p.m.; M-Z, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; SOPHOMORES — A-L, 2:30-3 p.m.; M-Z, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Graduate and undergraduate students attending evening school only will register in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on Monday, Aug. 28, from 5-7 p.m. Necessary forms may be picked up in the foyer of Nelson Hall prior to reporting for actual registration in the coliseum. Evening School registration is also scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 31, from 5-7 p.m., and again on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 5-7 p.m., in the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

All graduate and undergraduate classes will begin on the regular

schedule on Thursday, Aug. 31. Classes will not meet on Monday, Sept. 4, because of the Labor Day holiday.

Activities planned

Following their first day of classes on Thursday, students will have the evening meal on the patio of the B. C. Rogers Student Center where they will meet the 1989 Choctaw football team. At 7:30 p.m. they will gather in Swor Auditorium for a talent show.

Indian costumes will be the order of the day on Friday, Sept. 1, and there will be a costume contest at 10 a.m. Saturday will be the day for the traditional "Clash of the Classes."

A freshman awards banquet is set for 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

"We have a pretty full orientation schedule planned for the incoming students," said Tom Washburn, dean of students, "but the program will be informative and entertaining and will assist them in making a smooth adjustment to college life as experienced at Mississippi College."

Norman Gough is MC public relations director.

Executive Committee approves budget

(Continued from page 3) board staff from University Church, Baton Rouge, where he has been minister to college students since August 1988. He is completing a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary in December and will begin work in Hattiesburg in January.

Hospital offers new "Helpline"

Information on Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's educational programs and resources offered to the public may be obtained by calling the new "Helpline" at 353-MBMC Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The "Helpline" provides information on more than 75 different educational programs and services offered by MBMC.

First Church, Jackson, to sponsor race

First Church, Jackson, will sponsor a 5K and one mile race on August 26. Participants are asked to bring canned goods and clothing for the Crestwood Mission Center. Racing chairs will be purchased for mentally and physically handicapped children with "pushers" provided, for details, contact Jim Baker at 949-1945.

MC listed on Honor Roll of colleges

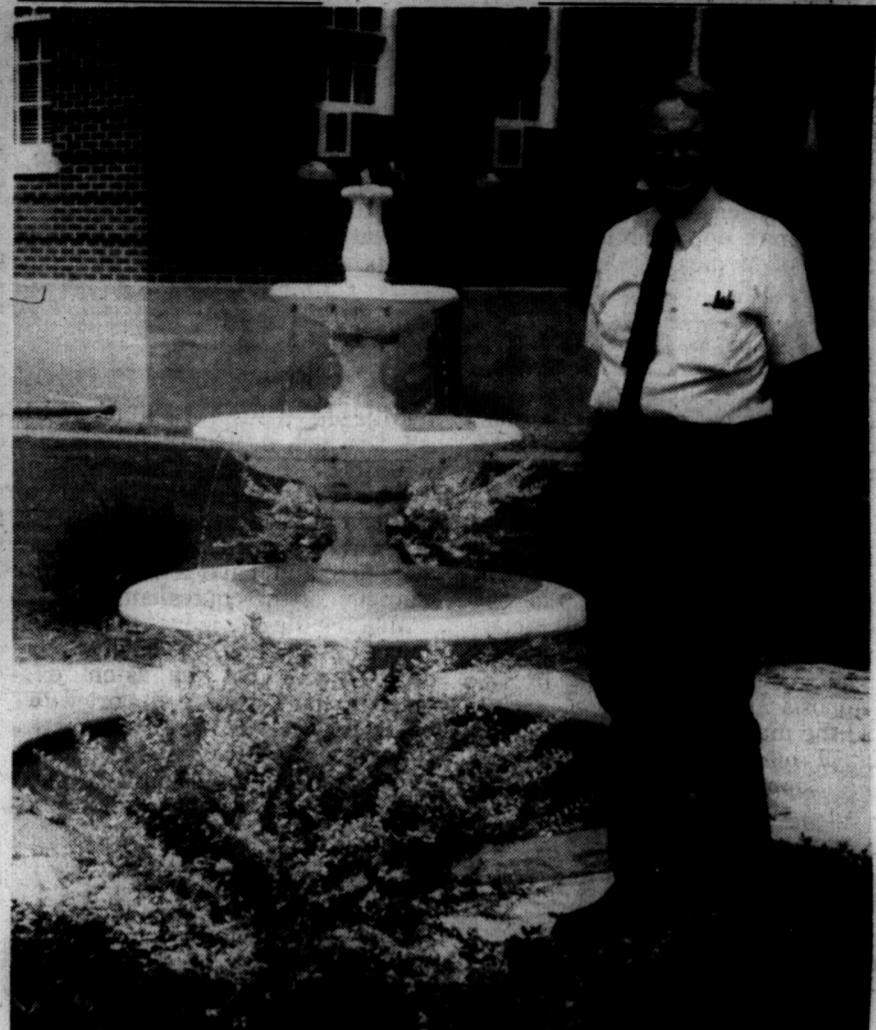
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Southern Baptist schools on the list receiving honorable mention include Blue Mountain College.

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CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION — Campus beautification has been one of the main summer projects at Mississippi College. Ted Snazelle, professor of biology, has headed up the project which includes landscaping around the administration building and quadrangle.

Ev George receives award from Southwestern faculty

FORT WORTH, Texas — Evelyn George of Jackson was recently honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's School of Religious Education.

The award was presented Aug. 8 during the 70th annual meeting of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association. The meeting was held at the seminary campus in Fort Worth.

George was one of three recipients recognized for distinguished service in religious education. Also honored were Clyde Merrill Maguire of Jacksonville, Fla., and Andrew Benton Setliffe Jr., of Little Rock, Ark.

Before her retirement in 1984, George worked almost 30 years improving religious education for children. She was the first director of children's education at First Baptist, Jackson, and served for many years as a consultant with the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

In addition to teacher training conferences and church training workshops, George was also instrumental in starting an annual retreat for the state's mentally retarded children.

George holds an associate degree in religious education from Southwestern and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mississippi College. She is a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson.

Metaphors are one of the most powerful literary devices and tools of communication, used every day, among other things, to convey feelings and moods, to propose changes in attitudes and to explain difficult theories. — Lawrence K. Altman.



FORT WORTH, TEXAS — B.A. (Pat) Clendinning, professor of psychology and counseling at Southwestern Seminary, congratulates Evelyn George after presenting her with the Distinguished Service Award from the seminary's faculty. The award was presented during the 70th annual meeting of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association in Fort Worth. Both George and Clendinning are Mississippians.



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Clarke College: committed to serve

By James Read and Larry Cox

As Clarke College begins its session, there is excitement among the faculty and staff. One of the main factors contributing to this mood is the 59 percent increase over last year in the number of applicants who have completed all the requirements for admission. Clarke officials expect a significant increase in the fall enrollment.

This excitement was reflected in alumni support during the past year as Clarke's development office reports an 18 percent increase in the number of alumni who contributed. The overall amount given by Clarke's alumni increased 76 percent.

Preparing to meet the challenge of providing quality Christian education with available human, physical, and financial resources, Clarke College has made some changes in staff assignments.

The new director of continuing education is Juanita West, and Steve Renfrow will serve as admissions recruiter. Kevin White will serve as the director of student services and director of development.

The new men's and women's basketball coach is Rick Lindsey. John Dent

will return to full time status as religion professor, while Jerri Dent will serve as the registrar and manage the bookstore.

The faculty and staff of Clarke College continue the heritage of service to the Lord and to Mississippi Baptists.

This commitment is leading Clarke College into new areas of service to meet the changing educational needs of Mississippi Baptists: an off-campus certificate program in church ministry, particularly for bivocational pastors; establishing a half-scholarship for ministerial wives; additional church and private foundation scholarships; more extensive programs of continuing education for the non-traditional students; and enrichment and special interest courses for the community.

The spirit of commitment to service by the administration, faculty and alumni will continue to touch Mississippi Baptists and other friends of Clarke to infect them with this enthusiasm and propel Clarke College into the next decade.

The Clarke College campus is presently receiving a facelift in several areas in preparation for the opening of its eighty-first session on August 28. New concrete walks are now being installed near men's and women's dorms which will make the baseball field, gymnasium and cafeteria more accessible for students in these residences. New drapes will be placed in both upstairs and downstairs halls of the women's dorm which were donated by the Ruth and Faith and Sunday School class of First Church, Newton. New drapes have been placed in the campus cafeteria which were given by the Clarke College faculty and staff women's organization. Pictured is Tim Johnson, 1987 graduate of Clarke, as he assists with installation of new baseboards in men's dorm hallway. Tim is minister of youth at Mount View Church, Meridian.



Mrs. Evelyn Williams, director of admissions, and student assistants telephone prospective students for Clarke in recent phon-a-thon.



Clarke students gather for a relaxed discussion and planning session for campus activities.



Pictured is Coach Tom Gladney, head baseball coach, Mississippi College as he gives instruction to youth who participated in the baseball mini-camp held July 17-21 on the Clarke College campus. Approximately 40 young people received instruction in hitting, pitching, and fielding. Clarke College baseball players were leaders for the camp. Also present to assist was Ole Miss pitcher, Jeff Purvis.



Kevin White, Clarke's director of development and student services, organizes faculty and student softball game.

William Carey promotes Easterling and Curry

Two promotions and several staff appointments have been made recently to improve external relations and various student service functions at William Carey College. Nearly all the appointments are the result of replacing, upgrading, or reorganizing to improve effectiveness and accountability with limited resources, according to Interim President Jim Edwards. "All of the improvements were recommended in the Special Study Report of the Education Commission," stated Edwards. "We plan to implement all of the recommendations as our budget limitations allow," he concluded.

Iris Easterling has been promoted to Director of Community Relations and Communications in addition to continuing with a half-time teaching load during the academic year. Easterling will be responsible for planning, initiating, and directing activities related to Development Board functions, media relations and communication strategies, community based programs both off and on the

Hattiesburg campus, meetings with service and business groups, activities involving government officials and organizations, and representing the college president in all the preceding functions and special projects. "One of the hardest parts of this decision was to reduce Iris' time in the classroom because she is so popular with our students," commented Edwards. "Also, Iris is so versatile and has such a diversity of skills which are all needed at William Carey, that deciding on the initial priorities for her new position was really difficult. She is a perfect example of one of those busy outgoing people who can "make things happen" in exciting and positive ways to accomplish our college mission," Edwards concluded.

Bill Curry has been promoted this summer to the position of Director of Financial Aid at William Carey. Curry will continue with his responsibility in the area of collection of student accounts. "Bill has already

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Brotherhood plans leader conferences

A series of nine Brotherhood leadership conferences have been scheduled in mid-September across Mississippi. All will be conducted around the theme "Learning to Work with Men and Boys."

Each will offer training for leaders in Royal Ambassadors, Baptist Young Men, Brotherhood/Baptist Men, and Disaster Relief. Each of the nine sessions will begin at 7 p.m.

On Monday, Sept. 11, conferences will be held at First Church, Sardis; Southside Church, Meridian; and Easthaven Church, Brookhaven.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, sessions will take place at Calvary Church, Tupelo; Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson; and First Church, Hattiesburg.

And on Thursday, Sept. 14, there will be sessions at the First Baptist Churches of Greenwood, Starkville, and Biloxi.

Pre-registration is not required.

MasterLife workshop slated

Rick Mitchell, pastor of Hickory Church, Hickory, will be a co-leader for a MasterLife Workshop at the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, the week of Oct. 30-Nov. 3.

The workshop is open to pastors and laypersons he may want to take for this week-long involvement in discipleship training. As a result of this week-long workshop, pastors will be certified leaders in MasterLife and will be equipped to lead small groups in their church.

The end result is that church members are involved in a 26 week small group meeting which is geared to lead them to understand their role as a disciple. The workshop is built around five disciplines of a disciple including abiding in Christ, living in the Word, living in prayer, fellowship with believers, and witnessing, said Mose Dangerfield Discipleship Training Department director.

Pastors or laypersons who are interested in attending the workshop may write Dangerfield at Box 530, Jackson 39205, for registration materials. Registration is handled by the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Frank Simmons, manager. Serving as co-leader with Mitchell will be Val Prince, a retired pastor from California.

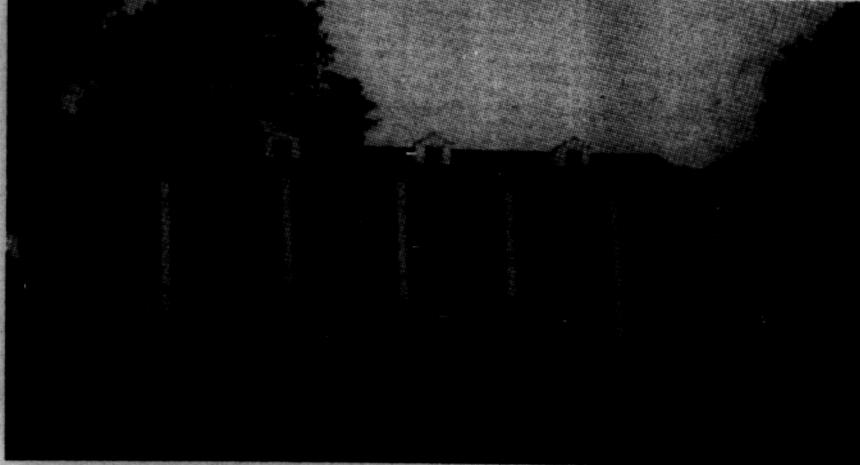
Revival dates

Highland, Jackson: Aug. 27-30; Sunday, homecoming, dinner on the grounds, 5 p.m.; services, 7 p.m. each night; Jim Futral, Broadmoor, evangelist; Bradley Pope, minister of music, Raymond Road, Jackson, music evangelist; Cliff Shipp, pastor.

Southside, Jackson: Aug. 27-31; Delton Dees, St. Louis, Mo., evangelist; Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music, Southside, music; Donald N. Bozeman, pastor; Sunday services, 9:45 a.m. Bible Study; 11 a.m., worship; and evening worship, 7 p.m.; 7 p.m. each night.

Terry Road, Jackson: first revival in new auditorium, Aug. 27-30; Charles Williams, from Hattiesburg and formerly from Byram, evangelist; The film, "The Burning Hell," will be shown at 7 p.m.; Bill Rice of Brandon, and former music director of Byram, music, Mon. night; Pete Simon of Braxton, music director at Calvary, music, Tues. night; George Breland of Jackson, music, Wed. night; Henry Bennett is pastor.

Blue Mountain's 118th session begins Aug. 27



Broach Baptist Student Union Building.

BMC BSU gears up for exciting year

By Tracy Simmons

The Blue Mountain College Baptist Student Union is gearing up for an exciting year. The Fall semester will begin with a Welcome Party for all students. New students can discover ways they can be involved in the BSU. The theme for the evening will be "Catch the BSU Spirit."

The Baptist Student Union provides many opportunities for a student to be involved in a significant ministry. One such opportunity is in fine arts teams. These teams lead worship services, perform at banquets, youth rallies, or anywhere there is a need for a team. The BSU at Blue Mountain has four fine arts teams in which students can audition to be a part. They include the ensemble, "Reflections," the drama team, "Kings Troupe," the puppet team, "The Master's Muppets," and the clown team. Auditions for these four groups will be Sept. 5-7 with the fine arts workshop on Sept. 8-9.

Another opportunity for ministry is in the area of community missions. Visits to area nursing homes, the

children's home, and the backyard Bible clubs are but some of the ways to be involved in community missions. An ongoing project is Big A Club conducted on Wednesday nights at Lowrey Memorial Church.

Blue Mountain College students continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to missions. Seven students served as summer missionaries in such places as the Philippines, New York, and Missouri. Students gave \$6,511.50 to the state student mission fund for the 1988-89 school year. During Christmas break, ten students and the director joined in a short-term mission trip to New Mexico to work with Pueblo Indians. This year students will have the opportunity to participate in another short-term mission trip, as well as summer missions.

Presently the BSU is led by an executive council of thirteen students. The president for the 1989-90 term is

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Devotional

Ringing the bell in the darkness

By Ken Alford

The great London pastor and preacher Charles Spurgeon once likened the practice of prayer to one's pulling a rope below and ringing a bell above in heaven's ears. He said that some Christians never pull the rope at all while others give it an occasional pluck. Those who really win with heaven, however, are the believers who grab the rope and pull continuously until their requests are either granted or changed.

One man in our country's history demonstrated a relentless faith that should serve as a model for our prayer life. His name was Benjamin Ewell. He served as the president of the nation's second oldest college, William and Mary, during the 1800s. There came a time during his tenure when the doors to that prestigious school, which was founded to propagate the gospel, were closed because of the Civil War. While most folks thought that the doors were closed forever, Benjamin Ewell refused to let the dream

die. Every day he climbed to the belfry of the school's chapel and rang the bell to an empty campus. He continued that practice, not for a few weeks or months, but for seven long years. The day finally came when the doors to William and Mary College opened again, primarily because of the hopes and prayers of one man who would not allow to be closed down that which God had raised up! He had kept ringing the bell, even in the darkest days of the school's life.

Our Lord Jesus taught us "that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). We will prove the sincerity of our faith when we remain persistent in our praying, no matter how bleak our situation may seem. God's promise is that he will honor our continuous pulling on the rope below. Let's keep ringing the bell, even in the darkness!

Alford
Alford is pastor, Morrison Heights, Clinton.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS. — The 118th annual session at Blue Mountain College officially begins Aug. 27 when the dormitories open for new students.

Orientation and registration are set for the next day with classes beginning on Tuesday, Aug. 29. During the orientation on Monday new students will meet Blue Mountain's administrative officers and the student leadership on the Student Government Council and the Baptist Student Union Council. Students will have the opportunity to meet with their assigned advisors prior to registration.

The academic orientation schedule and the first week of classes will be supplemented by the student activities sponsored by the Student Government Council and the BSU. The intramural activities begin immediately with swimming followed by softball, tennis, and volleyball. There are many activities planned for students and all are encouraged to participate.

President Fisher said, "We approach the start of this new session with great anticipation and with the prospect of another enrollment increase for the fall term. The fall enrollment for 1988 was 374, which was the third highest in the history of the college. The applications for 1989 indicate we will exceed the 374 figure.

"What is more important," he stated, "is the outstanding quality of the students who are enrolled and who

have made application for the new year. It is exciting to know these outstanding young women and ministerial students have chosen Blue Mountain College and have given us the opportunity to assist them in the development of their talents and abilities."

Blue Mountain College has been fortunate in attracting and retaining an outstanding faculty and staff who are dedicated and committed to providing a quality program of higher education. There is only one faculty replacement this year which is Jack Moser, basketball coach and faculty member in the physical education department. Moser is an indication of the quality of faculty who choose to teach at Blue Mountain. He not only is an excellent coach, his academic preparation is in mathematics. He is active in church and will be a good role model and set a Christian example for the students.

As we enter the last decade of the century, we are excited about the opportunities which will be available and the advancements which will take place at Blue Mountain College. The students who enroll at Blue Mountain College this year and during this decade will be the leaders in the 21st century. It is exciting that our students will be preparing to make a positive contribution to the Christian world as it embarks on another century.

Blue Mountain College is a distinctive Christian institution, and we point with pride to the fact that it has a two-fold mission — the education of women and the education of men in full-time church related vocations. While we do not encompass the contribution of a comprehensive graduate or research university, the world cannot exist without the quality of the products we are committed to producing. The 90s hold many opportunities and challenges for educational institutions, and Christian institutions have a special responsibility in shaping the world in which we live.

The 90s can be exciting if you know who you are and what you are and that is Blue Mountain's position. It is exciting to be in an institution committed to responding to the needs of its students, to the needs of society, and to the needs of its sponsoring denomination. Blue Mountain College has an illustrious past, but we surely are not resting upon past achievements. We are meeting the challenges of today, and God is providing for us in a marvelous way.

We, at Blue Mountain College, thank all Mississippi Baptists for the support received and ask that you join us in prayer for the vision to see the unlimited opportunities and the wisdom to translate the vision into a reality this year and throughout the decade of the 90s!

BMC hires Jack Moser as basketball coach

Jack Moser, a successful basketball coach on the academy level, has been hired as basketball coach at Blue Mountain College. Moser, who led Greenwood's Pillow Academy boys and girls teams to state tournament appearances, was hired to replace Lavon Driskell as the Topper's coach, said Blue Mountain athletic director Johnnie Armstrong. Driskell resigned after four years at Blue Mountain to become basketball coach at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus.

Armstrong said Moser, 31, is no

stranger to the Blue Mountain program. "Jack has worked as an instructor in our basketball camp for three seasons, so he's known here," she said.

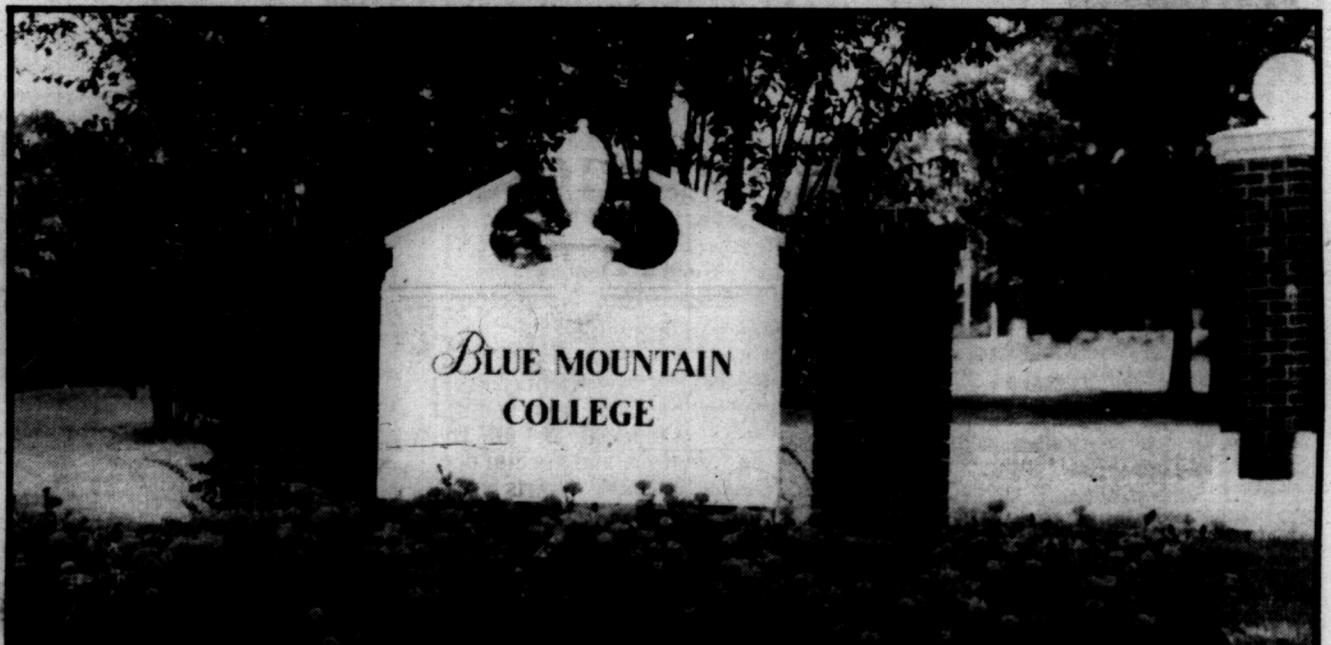
Blue Mountain, an NAIA District 24 team, is coming off an 11-13 season last year. "Coaching involves so much more than teaching students how to play the game of basketball," said Moser, who also was principal at Pillow. "My goal as a coach is definitely an overall championship. I will strive for a first-class organization, one which will have a positive effect

on the school and each individual player."

Moser, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Delta State University, will also teach in Blue Mountain's physical education department.

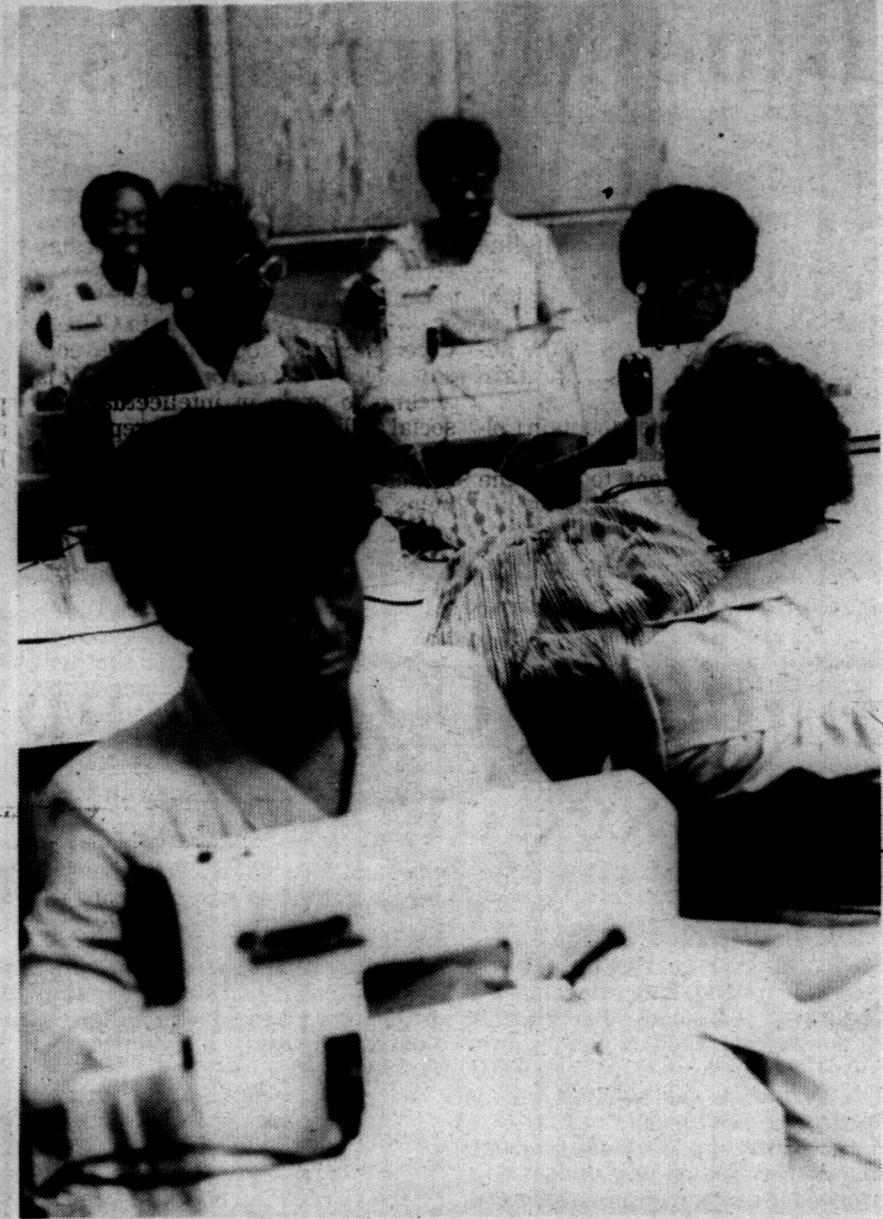
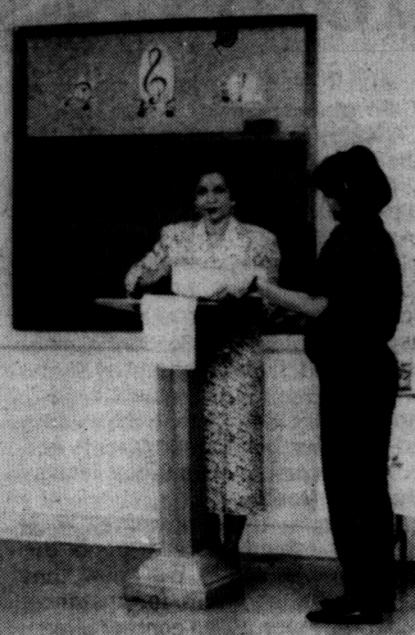
During his eight years at Pillow, Moser coached the boys for all eight years while taking on the girls' team three years ago. He carried the Pillow boys to the Class AAA state championship in 1983 and the Pillow girls to two AAA state tournament ap-

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE, a women's college with a coordinate program for men in Church related vocations, offers an educational program in a Christian environment which helps each student develop the talents and abilities necessary for a successful and productive life.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE invites you to come and discover the friendships, challenges, and opportunities that await you at this special place.



Sewing classes net quilts, clothes

By Tim Nicholas

Sewing and quilting classes at Crestwood Baptist Center in Jackson this spring netted a quilt for the center, new and practical skills for residents of the uptown Jackson neighborhood, and an outlet for ministry for Mississippi Baptists. The quilting class gave its first quilt back to the center for display and inspiration to future classes. And nearly a dozen women wound up with new clothes which they made themselves. Some, according to one of their teachers, Frances McGuffie, had never sat in front of a sewing machine before they took the classes. McGuffie, retired chairman of the home economics department, Mississippi College, said that every class emphasizes building Christian faith with a short devotional and prayer. She's already been asked to teach the next clothing construction class in October. "I don't think I could have been rewarded any more than working with that group," said McGuffie. Incidentally, the *Baptist Record* was told the quilt design is called Dresden Plate.



Brookhaven group ministers in inner city, Little Rock

Sixteen from First Church, Brookhaven, participated in a mission project in the inner city of Little Rock, Ark., June 11-16. Under the leadership of Max and Bonnie Thornhill, the group spent five days assisting "The Word of Outreach Ministries" by conducting a Vacation Bible School that reached 168 children and averaged over 130 for the last four days.

This work was staffed by Jeanine Pipkin, Carolyn Hennington, Lois Moore, Bonnie Thornhill, Ann Collette, Linda Ebbers, Edna Haley, Stacy Magee, and Susan Fitzsimmons, all from Brookhaven.

The work of the men for the week was to help renovate a large run-down facility that once was a seminary. The men removed old sheetrock and insulation in an adjoining apartment building, relocated doors and windows and put up new sheetrock and

insulation. They were joined in the long days by men from the Word of Outreach Church as each worked together for a common goal. Men who participated were Bob Pipkin, Pat Hennington, Herbert Moore, Max Thornhill, James Forde, Jason Anding, and Bruce Foster.

The Word of Outreach Ministries is a predominantly black ministry that is headed by Robert E. Smith. Over a period of several years, the ministry had been moved around over Little Rock. Finally, late last year, the ministry was able to purchase an abandoned seminary in the inner city. Slowly but with purpose, renovation has been undertaken. The program includes a street ministry.

A school is being started in the church by Joe and Diane Irby. Formerly from Jackson and Brookhaven, the Irbys were called of God to minister in the inner city and joined the team late last year.

Churches adopt expanded plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan since those reported in the July 20 issue of the *Baptist Record*: Benton: Pleasant Hill;

Carroll-Montgomery: Milligan Springs; Holmes/Leflore: Phillipston; Lauderdale: Fellowship; North Delta: Rena Lara and Northwest: Ebenezer.

for the service at Kokomo Church. He was introduced by George Lee, associational missionary.

Rick Patterson, pastor of Emmanuel Church, is director and teacher for the Seminary Extension Program in Marion County. Nace was involved in study through the program for approximately five years to earn the diploma.

Richard Brogan of Jackson, consultant with the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was guest speaker

A native of the Shiloh community in western Marion County, Nace has been pastor of Kokomo Church since Oct. 3, 1982.

The Seminary Extension program is jointly sponsored by all of the Southern Baptist seminaries. In recent years approximately 8,000 persons per year have enrolled in one or more courses in all 50 states and 20 foreign countries.

Lots of folks seem to tolerate poverty easily — usually they're the ones who aren't in it.

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Acteens plant seeds for church in Laredo

Acteens Activators from First Church, Louisville, took off for Laredo, Texas, on July 7. After 50 hours of training, they arrived at Buen Samaritano Church of Laredo to hold Mission Vacation Bible School.

They led in Bible study, games, clowning, and singing. The school grew from 60 to 125 in three days. Final results would not be witnessed by the Acteens as they left for National Acteens Convention in San Antonio.

"These Activators' willingness to go with God's guidance allowed a chance to plant seeds for a church with a membership of 50," says Jean Jones. Six youth made decisions for Christ.

Acteens leaders are Jean Jones and Pam Womack. Ron Phillips was the bus driver, cameraman, etc. Donald Cotten is pastor.

Pictured are: Lisa Chappa, daughter of Pastor Ernie Chappa, Hope Beckman, Kim Fulton, Melody Ellis, Karen McWhirter, Beth Jones, Ginger Ryals, Kadie Ellis, Malynda Varner, Emily Johnson, Wendi Womack, Joy Vaughn, Jean Jones, Rhonda Phillips, and Pam Womack.

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Blue Mountain teaches how to fish in complex world

By Glen Liebig

"Blue Mountain specializes in caring about people. Here, I know I'm not getting a generic, assembly-line education."

"Kim Hood, class of 1990, might speak for any of the thousands of young women who have had the advantage of a Blue Mountain education."

Founded in 1873, Blue Mountain College, a four-year women's college, has prepared each student to face the challenges of an ever changing life and society. At Blue Mountain each individual counts. At Blue Mountain, we strive to see that each student gains the experience and assurance she needs to be an involved participant in life, not simply an observer.

A faith-centered college

We are proud of our rich religious heritage at Blue Mountain. It gives strength and direction to our daily lives.

Providing an excellent Christian liberal arts education was the central purpose for our founding by General Mark Perrin Lowrey, a noted Baptist preacher and leader. Under the

leadership of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, with which we have been affiliated since 1920, this purpose has remained constant.

Faith supports our search for knowledge. A Blue Mountain College experience offers opportunities to consider deeply the purposes of life. It is a time to grow in intellectual and social ability and a time to prepare for the future. Blue Mountain's faith-centered environment encourages and helps students find their individual answers for the important questions they face.

A woman's college

Facing a world of unprecedented opportunities and challenges, today's woman needs an education that will help her fulfill with confidence the many roles she may choose to play — professional, mother, church and community leader, volunteer. Education at a women's college can put a woman ahead.

Graduates of women's colleges are achievers. National studies show that women trained at women's colleges are more effective and successful

managers. Salaries for women's college graduates on average are also higher than those of their counterparts graduating from co-educational institutions.

"A Blue Mountain education builds confidence," says our students, "because we are responsible for campus leadership." At co-educational schools, men tend to hold most of the positions. At Blue Mountain only women are leaders, and each woman is needed for her unique talents and abilities. Decision making and leadership take practice.

Most important, as a women's college, Blue Mountain cares about the student's whole life. We know that training for a career, for instance, must take place in the context of personal and intellectual development for life.

A four-year college

From the moment the student sets foot on Blue Mountain's campus, she will feel at home because she will be known as an individual. She will know she belongs.

"Blue Mountain is so friendly and

welcoming," says one student. "There's no backbiting or petty competition over clothes or social activities like you find at some schools. Instead, there's a real unity of spirit. People like you for yourself!"

By maintaining a small enrollment, we can also promise this: no standing in long lines, no getting lost, no endless struggles with bureaucratic red tape. When the student must fill in a form or meet a requirement, there is always a person to help.

Students are involved in campus life from the beginning. In a study of more than 200,000 students in 300 institutions of higher education, Alexander Astin found that in almost all areas student involvement was increased by attending a small rather than a large institution.

A liberal arts college

A successful professional life demands a good liberal arts foundation. A successful personal life requires knowledge, talent, and a strong sense of self to build a stable home and community. A broad-based liberal arts education helps the stu-

dent learn to analyze problems and ideas. It helps her learn to think creatively and productively and to express her thoughts clearly.

These are qualities much sought after in business. Recent studies indicate that liberal arts graduates make better managers because of their broad, people-oriented education.

Our emphasis is on value-centered teaching and learning. Faculty and administrators are always available to listen and to help. Through study of the humanities, the arts, the natural and social sciences, and the Bible, the student learns to handle complex situations with assurance. Accepting the challenge to become her best makes a difference in all that a young woman will do for the rest of her life.

Do you remember this modern parable? If you give a hungry child a fish, he will eat for a day. If you teach him how to fish, he will eat for a lifetime. A Blue Mountain education teaches young women how to "fish" in a complex and changing world.

Glen Liebig is admissions director

Blue Mountain can boast . . .

(Continued from page 6) young women and men who are committed to Jesus Christ and His will for their lives. Mississippi Baptists can be very proud of Blue Mountain College students. They represent you well because their first priority is to represent Jesus.

So you see why Psalm 121 is "our Psalm." We do need help to meet all of the challenges that come our way, and our greatest source of help is God. We, the Blue Mountain College family, recognize this as we struggle daily against the evil of this world. Though I am not often impressed by paraphrased scripture, I do feel that Leslie F. Brandt's Psalm/Now is beautiful, especially as it speaks to young adults. Our students would quickly share with you the truth expressed in this paraphrase of "our Psalm."

Where should I look for help in my need?

To majestic mountain peaks that probe our skies

or to giants of industry that hem in our cities?

To satellites that circle our world

or to computers that store up our knowledge?

The answer to my problems and the fulfillment of my needs must come from God himself, from him who created skies and mountains, and man to dwell in their midst. He is a great God who knows our every desire, whose watchful eye is upon us night and day. We can make no move without his knowledge. His concern for his children is constant; His love for them is eternal.

And thus the Lord will keep you, Shielding you from the forces of evil as a shade tree shields you from the rays of the blazing sun.

He does care for you, and he will fight with you against the enemies of your soul. Whether you be coming or going, He knows the course you take, and he will go before you.



Annette, Starla, and Billy J. Crosby.

Crosby now in evangelism

Billy J. Crosby, Mississippi native, born at Seminary, is now in the field of evangelism. His wife, Annette, and youngest daughter, Starla, complete the team, Crosby Family Ministries, and travel with him.

Crosby is both evangelist and musician. Mrs. Crosby, a mother of six, helps in teaching young marrieds, especially those with children. Starla, 17, in 12th grade, goes to school by correspondence in order to travel with her parents. She is a singer.

Crosby, a graduate of Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, formerly served pastorates in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, and First, Raleigh, in Mississippi. Also he was assistant pastor of Magnolia Street Church, Laurel.

Crosby Family Ministries is based at 8131 Roebourne Lane, Houston, Texas 77070 (home phone, 713/890-2511; office phone 713/890-3510).

Mississippi Baptist activities

Aug. 28 Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting; Baptist Building; 2 p.m.

William Carey promotes Easterling and Curry

(Continued from page 8) begun to work in the Financial Aid area with the same enthusiasm, organizational initiative, and results as he showed last Fall in collecting past due student accounts. All final decisions on college commitments on student scholarships, loans, and work study hours will be coordinated through Curry to insure the most effective use of monies at William Carey," stated Edwards.

Other recent full-time staff appointments announced by the College are:

Wendy Moore and Debbie Curtis,

financial aid staff in Hattiesburg. Walley Northway, recruiting staff for Carey on the Coast.

Kim Nelms, recruiting staff in Hattiesburg.

Susan Curry, registrar office staff in Hattiesburg.

Stacy Tuweka and Sandra Polovich, secretarial staff in New Orleans and at Carey on the Coast respectively.

Janice Meier, office manager in New Orleans.

Martha Chance, bookstore manager in Hattiesburg.

(Continued from page 9) appearances, reaching the semifinals in 1987. Moser was named the academy AAA Coach of the Year in 1983.

Moser is a member of the North Greenwood Baptist Church, where he is a deacon, member of the adult choir and Sunday School teacher.

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Politics: The most promising of all careers.—The Fall River (Mass.) Spectator

Medical Center offers . . .

(Continued from page 6) our spiritual growth. I feel like I grew a lot spiritually during my time as a student here, and I feel our BSU is responsible. BSU and Kathy Bearden meant a great deal to me."

MBMC's administrative staff strongly supports the schools and is frequently involved with the BSU. "We enjoy having students at the Medical Center," said Lu Harding, assistant executive director over the schools, "because it gives us a chance to get acquainted with today's youth. We believe students play a vital role in our hospital. Their ideas, energy and inquisitive minds challenge us to provide them with the best resources possible."

"Strong administrative backing, dedicated instructors, excellent clinical experience and good Christian fellowship combine to build a firm foundation for the student beginning his or her medical career," said Miss Bearden. "MBMC provides outstanding education opportunities for those who are interested in the medical field."

For more information concerning MBMC's health related schools, interested persons should contact Kathy Bearden at 968-5144, or write her in care of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

Laura Jones writes for MBMC.

BMC BSU gears up . . .

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Amy Moore, a senior from Southaven, Mississippi. Students will have the opportunity to serve on various committees which make up the great council.

The Baptist Student Union building is getting a new interior look, thanks to the donations of several people.

The hardwood floors of the main meeting room have been refinished by Tom Hood of Walls, who is the father of Kim Hood, a student at Blue Mountain College. His son Jason has also assisted in the refinishing of the floors. Bench Craft, a furniture company in Blue Mountain, has donated

some furniture for the room's living area.

Material for new curtains was donated by Mrs. Dot Pittman, the mother of Rebecca Lewis, a student at the college. The curtains are being made by Rebecca and several women of Oakland Church in Corinth.

Other items donated by persons in Corinth, include ceiling fans, wall hangings, and a piece of carpet for the living area. An open house will be held in the Fall to show off the new look and to honor those who made it possible.

Tracy Simmons is BSU director.



Education Commission elects officers

Commission members of the Southern Baptist Education Commission elected new officers for 1989-90 during their annual meeting in Alexandria, La. Pictured with Arthur L. Walker, Jr., right, executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission are, from left, William R. Cotton, a farmer from Hastings, Fla., chairman; Van D. Quick, vice president for student personnel, Mississippi College, vice chairman; Patrick O. Copley, president of Missouri Baptist College, St. Louis, Mo., secretary.

Just for the Record



Ground breaking for an auditorium to accommodate 400 at Wyndale Church on Springridge Road in south Hinds County was held July 23.

Taking part in the ceremony are pictured, from left, Charles Gentry, pastor; James Shelton, auditorium planning committee chairman; Richard White, building committee chairman and chairman of the deacon council; Mrs. Pat Green, building committee member and president of the WMU; Larry Bounds, auditorium planning committee member and contractor; Chris Beggerly, Sunday School director; and Tony Moore, minister of music. Construction was to start in early August.



"His Witnesses," the youth choir of Parkway, Natchez, has just returned from a ten day tour to Florida which included DisneyWorld and a four day retreat in Panama City. The group presented "Live It To The Max" at First Baptist Church in Orange Park, and Northside Baptist in Panama City. Their home concert was presented at Parkway on Sunday, July 23. Adults accompanying the choir were Randy Turner, Sharon Turner, Buddy Casey, and Roger Littleton.



Simpson County youths have performed "Positive I.D." a musical, at D'Lo Church, D'Lo; Macedonia Church, Mendenhall; Gum Grove Church; Pearlhaven, Brookhaven; Goodwater and New Life Church, Magee; Simpson County Association's Late Night for Youth; and the Mule Festival at the Mississippi Agricultural Museum in Jackson. The musical is about youths "who are not ashamed to claim they have a positive identification with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." During the presentations, a number of decisions for the Lord have been made. Those taking part in the musical were, left to right, 1st row, Wade Jones, (sound); Rodney Dixon, (pianist); Steve White, (youth director, D'Lo); Betsy White; 2nd row, Jeanna Abernathy, Melissa Hilton, Leslie White, Tosha Magee, Cindy Sanders; 3rd, Yawn White, Kevin Holyfield, Scott Sones, Todd Brand, Delton Martin; 4th, Shannon Sones, Dianne Gilliam, Wendy Wilch, Rita Pickering, and Dawn Kelly.



New Liberty Church, Morton, held a groundbreaking service on July 26 for its new church building. The church will be built next to the present building. New Liberty was organized in the fall of 1972. Curtis McGee is pastor. Holmes Carlisle, director of missions, Scott Association, directed the service.

Mountain Creek Church, Florence, will host Jamie Coulter in concert, Friday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. Coulter, from Hamburg, Ark., started singing at age of six and at age 22 he is 30 inches tall and weighs 43 pounds. He uses a skateboard to walk and plays a guitar.

Unity Church, Pascagoula (Jackson County) held Vacation Bible School June 26-30. An evening school was held; enrollment was 136, and average attendance was 114. There were 10 professions of faith in the closing service, and more have been made since as a result of Vacation Bible School.

Shiloh Church (Carroll) will hold dedication services for the newly installed baptism on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 11 a.m. The baptism will be dedicated to the memory of former Shiloh pastor, the late Donald Toomey. Doug Warren, Shiloh pastor, states that the service will consist of an emphasis on the meaning of baptism and then the actual baptism of the 12 awaiting candidates.

Strong Hope Church, Wesson, has recently held Vacation Bible School. Enrollment reached 97 and the average attendance was 92. There were four professions of faith. Ann Huff served as director. John Stevens is pastor.

Staff changes

Tony Henry has accepted the call of Springfield Church, Leake Association. He is the former pastor of Laurel Hill Church, Neshoba Association.

Mrs. Pat (Cathy) Jeffcoats has accepted the call of First Church, Jackson, to become minister to children. She will direct all ministries to children in grades 1-6. Mrs. Jeffcoats goes to First Church from Parkway Church in Natchez where she served for eight years as minister of education.



Jeffcoats

Chris Elkins has accepted the call of First Church, Jackson, to become minister to single adults. Elkins is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of arts and master's degree in speech and communication. He goes to First Church after serving for five years as minister of singles adults, minister of education/business administration at First Church of Little Rock, Ark.



Elkins

David Howell, pastor of Unity Church, Magnolia, has resigned to become pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of St. George, Utah. He graduated from Southwestern Seminary.

Howell was pastor of Rome Church in Rome, until 1985 when Unity Church called him as pastor. His new address is 572 East 300 South, St. George, Utah 84770.

Mike Davis has resigned the position of minister of music and youth at First Church, Charleston. He will assume the duties of minister of music and youth at First Church of Dawes, Mobile, Ala. as of Sept. 1.

Davis is a graduate of William Carey College and Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

Howard M. Peak is now pastor of Trinity Church of Fulton, effective July 9. Peak went to Fulton from Bellehaven Church of Ocean Springs, where he was pastor for three years. He graduated from New Orleans Seminary in May of 1982 and is currently enrolled in the doctorate of ministry program.

Robert E. Mack, a native of Laurel, is the new pastor at Valley Park Church, Issaquena Association. He moved from First Church, Bartow, Ga., on April 30. He is a graduate of William Carey College and received the M.Div. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

John D. Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Herring of Jackson, recently joined the staff of First Church, Eupora, as minister of music and youth.

Herring is a recent graduate of New Orleans Seminary. He received the BA degree from Mississippi College. He moved from Hebron Church of Bush, La.



Herring

Randy K. Makemson has accepted the position of pastor at Elim Church in Quitman (Clarke Association). He moved from Carthage where he was pastor at Springfield Church, for three and a half years. Makemson is a native of Cullman, Ala., and a graduate of Mississippi College.

Charles Fowler is the new pastor of Camp Ground Church (Yalobusha). A native of Kosciusko. Fowler moved from Rossville, Tenn. He has been in the ministry for 20 years and held pastorates in Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, and Idaho.

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Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



Pak Yun Ju and Tree Clemons relax for a minute while Miss Pak continues the needlework she's been doing while recuperating. She stitched the "praying hands" resting on her walker. Fans on wall are from Korea.

To Pak Yun Ju, with love

The doctor decided to save his patient an ambulance fee, so he put her in the back of his pick-up truck and drove her home! How many times have you heard of that happening? The doctor was James Hughes, head of the Department of Orthopedics at University Medical Center, Jackson. His patient was Pak Yun Ju, a pharmacist at Wallace Memorial Hospital, Pusan, Korea.

As the truck rolled up to an apartment at 3684 Lakeland Lane, the patient was not riding in back all alone. A nurse, a physical therapist, three residents at the medical center, a Korean pastor and his wife, and Talitha Edwards Bennett, a former journeyman in Korea, had come along to help transport Miss Pak up the stairs to Dr. Rebecca (Tree) Clemons' Jackson apartment. That's where she has been spending her months of recovery time, since hip replacement surgery in June. This week, on Monday, August 21, she re-entered the University Hospital for a second operation, replacement of the other hip.

But let's go back to the beginning. It was while Dr. Clemons was on a two-year assignment (1985-1986) with the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, working at the Wallace Memorial Hospital in Pusan, that she first met Miss Pak. (Now a physician with the state health department, Dr. Clemons once lived at Camp Kittiwake, where her father was caretaker.)

When Charles Sands, head of pharmacy at Wallace Memorial, hired Miss Pak, some of her Korean co-workers had expressed dismay; they wondered if a cripple could carry her share of the work. Lameness, however, did not decrease her productivity. In fact, she began studying pharmacokinetics with Sands and went back to school, still working full-time, and got her master's degree in pharmacy. And every chance she could get, she'd be on some floor witnessing to a patient.

A Christian since early youth, she is active in her Baptist church in Pusan.

How many times have you visited a patient in your local hospital and found a pharmacist in the room witnessing? Talitha, who was a journeyman pharmacist, has told of times when Miss Pak would come to her and say, "Let's go witness to the new patient."

And Dr. Clemons says, "When she talks with people, she senses their

needs. She knows just what to say. God uses her."

The 36-year-old Pak Yun Ju, who suffered from what doctors called juvenile kyphosis, has walked with a limp for most of her life. In recent years her pain had grown more and more severe. Dr. Howard Kitchens, a missionary associate, told her she had "degenerative arthritis of the hips with marked degeneration of one femoral head and total degeneration of the other."

Last February, when Dr. Clemons was in Pusan with a medical team, she examined Miss Pak's X-rays and suggested to doctors there that Dr. James Hughes of Mississippi might perform surgery on her, at no charge. Even as she said Dr. Hughes' name, she remembered that hip surgery was his specialty. Looking back later, she said, "I felt it was God's doing that I thought of his name at that particular time."

So eager was the pharmacist to come to the States for the operations that she was willing to sell her family home to obtain the money. But missionaries and other friends told her, "No, the way will be provided." And it has been. Besides Dr. Hughes' gift of his services, others have joined in, giving the hip prostheses, post-op physical therapy, antibiotics, and other contributions.

Miss Pak arrived in Jackson on June 9, with Dan and Lydia Jones of Laurel, who were coming home for a three-month furlough from their missionary duties in Pusan, where he is a doctor at Wallace Memorial Hospital.

Following the first surgery, a group of women from First Baptist Church, Jackson, took turns going to Dr. Clemons' apartment to stay with Miss Pak, to assist her in any way they could. The Korean Presbyterian congregation of Jackson brought her Korean food and helped in other ways.

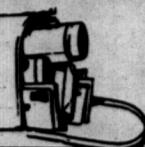
The patient was well enough to travel to Ridgecrest Assembly in North Carolina with Dr. Clemons. September 8 and 9 she will still be in Jackson and said she plans to be present at MissionsFest.

Even before the second surgery, her mobility had improved a great deal. "I am much, much better," she said to me with a wide smile as she crossed the living room with the aid of a walker. "I am very thankful for the people who brought all this together, and to God who made it possible."

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Letters to the editor

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Perverse monotheism

Editor:

It seems that our editor does not believe that there are any real theological problems in our schools and seminaries. He says over and over again that he does not know any liberals. If by "liberal" he is referring to classical liberalism, then he may be correct. But if he means that there are none who disbelieve the Bible, then he is mistaken. There are many seminary professors who believe that the Bible teaches and reflects the superstitions, prejudices, and errors of its day.

One example of this can be seen in a study course book written by Glenn Hinson entitled, "Soul Liberty." I was reading this book last week and read again ideas held by most of the professors in the Baptist university that I attended. In this book Hinson says that the Old Testament teaches and reflects an erroneous and perverse sort of monotheism. He writes, "The Old Testament abounds in illustrations of intolerance, persecutions, and crusades" (p. 33). Later he gives an example of what he means: "The conquest of Canaan should be seen in this light" (p. 33). Hinson believes and writes that the conquest of Canaan was an evil act done because of Israel's nationalistic intolerance rather than in obedience to God's command and will. This is unacceptable to the vast majority of Southern Baptists and does constitute a need to return to the Bible.

I support what has happened in our convention for the last 11 years because I believe that many professors in our seminaries hold the same view of the Bible that Dr. Hinson holds. Everyone who supports the "conservative" movement, who I know personally, does so for this same reason and concern.

Brent Reeves, pastor
Ruleville Church, Ruleville

Appalled at error

Editor:

I thank God recently for the fact that 13,000 girls were present at the national Acteen's convention in San Antonio, Texas. Praise the Lord for such commitment on the part of our churches and Acteen leaders.

But I am appalled at one of the most glaring errors and cultic statements that was made at that convention. In summary, the girls were told, "You are part God." That is not biblical; but is a combination of Mormonism, Theosophy, Hinduism, and Zen Buddhism. This teaching is at the forefront of the New Age Movement. There is not one evidence of this taught in the Word of God.

The scripture states that God lives in us by his Holy Spirit and has given us God's nature, but that is a far cry from being part God. I pray that this statement be retracted and an apology be made to the girls. Luke 17:21 says, "The kingdom of God is within you" is misapplied and misunderstood. May God help us rightly divide the Word of Truth; and even if our motives are right, let us do as Paul admonishes in 2 Timothy 1:13, "To hold fast the form of sound words."

David Grisham
Wiggins

imagination. But the Bible says that old men will dream dreams and young men will see visions. (Being in my mid forties, I don't know which of these categories I should be placed in.) Anyway, this is what I see in a black on yellow "slippery when wet" sign.

Joe Cobb Jr.
Magee

Oppose ABC Bill

Editor:

We are interested in the welfare of all the children in this country. They are our future in every aspect, but they are also our most vulnerable people. We strongly oppose the ABC Child Care Bill and want the public to know it doesn't meet the needs of our children. Please be aware that this bill imposes government control therefore takes away from the freedom of both parent and child. Also this bill could cost the American taxpayers as much as \$100 billion. We strongly encourage you to get in touch with your congressman and voice your opposition to the ABC Bill and any provisions of the ABC Bill whatsoever included in any kind of bill.

Carol Baker
Brandon

Contact the students

Editor:

This fall over 100,000 students will arrive on campus from the world over in the city of Miami for university studies on a dozen different campuses. On seven of those campuses, your representative with Miami Area Baptist Campus Ministry wants to touch those students with the presence of Christ. As an arm of our Southern Baptist churches in Miami, we seek to provide spiritual nurture, ministry opportunities, and Christian fellowship to college students.

If you have a young adult headed to school in Miami this fall, we would love to contact them upon their arrival this fall. Please send us their names, home addresses and phones and/or campus addresses (if known). Thank you for helping us meet the spiritual needs of your students while away from home.

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Maybe my mind creates too much

God's affirmation of Moses and Aaron

By R. Raymond Lloyd
Numbers 15:1-18:32



Lloyd

I. The rebellion of Korah (Numbers 16.) After an interlude of directives from the Lord regarding worship (ch. 15), the record of rebellions against Moses and Aaron continues (cf. 11-14). While traditionally referred to as the rebellion of Korah, scholars generally agree that this is a weaving together of two stories: the first, a revolt of Korah (cousin of Moses and Aaron) and 250 of the Levites against the authority of Moses and Aaron; the second, a revolt of some

Reubenites, led by Dathan and Abiram. The background of the whole chapter is power struggle, both religious and political, which was present in much of society then and is now, even among the Lord's own people.

The basic problem was these folks resented being subordinate to Moses and Aaron. They are described as "men of renown" (vs. 2), a word from the root of the word translated "exalt yourselves" (vs. 3 — the accusation of Moses and Aaron). In reality it was then "men of renown" who were exalting themselves.

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They state a great truth about Israel — they are "holy" — for this was God's promise to make of them a "holy nation" (Ex. 19:6). And then they say to Moses and Aaron, "You have gone too far" in exercising authority over us. Moses recognizes the situation for what it is — a religious cloak behind which a jealous spirit hides. He recognizes that behind this appeal for an open priesthood, there was a human ambition, an ambition to secure the position of Aaron himself.

The church today is not immune to this kind of conflict. Oftentimes there are those who fail to recognize that God still chooses certain persons for special roles, like that of Moses and Aaron, within the covenant community, the church. They have strong ambitions to dominate and to control, and often hide behind religious truths to attack their spiritual leaders. To be sure, the clergy is no more "holy" than the congregation, but let not the congregation forget that God has called out certain ones and given them a certain role of spiritual leadership within the church. The jealous spirit that wishes to control and overthrow is dealt with by God in this passage. Thank God for your pastor and staff; pray for them; encourage and

affirm them; and give them your personal support, recognizing them to be your God-called, God-appointed ministers.

God states his purpose to destroy the entire congregation, but now, in a beautiful picture of mercy and sweetness of spirit, Moses and Aaron intercede for those who had tried to usurp their leadership. God responds by punishing only the guilty.

Moses affirms that subsequent events will substantiate that it is the Lord who is in control, not his own personal will and desire. Death will eventually come to all persons. However, what the guilty will experience here will be an entirely new thing (literally "create a creation" — same word used in Gen. 1:1: "... created the heavens and the earth;" Isaiah 43:1, 7, 15 "... created" his chosen people; Psalm 51:10 "create ... clean heart"). An unexpected, unique, yet tragic end comes to Korah and his clan. It is the "creation" of God, a horrible punishment for failure to recognize his leadership among them. The ground opens and they are swallowed up into "Sheol" (literally "the pit," the abode of the dead).

The punishment may appear to be out of proportion to the sin committed. However, the issue is great. God must have leaders! They must be godly, moral, and humble, and they must be respected and revered!

II. Responsibilities of and to priests and Levites (Numbers 18:1-32; 18:19, 26)

Beginning in vs. 8, the various provisions for the priesthood are described. In summary, they are described as "covenant of salt" (vs. 19) — an unbreakable bond. Salt was so important in the ancient Near East as a preservative against decay that perhaps it is used here as a symbol of the durability and lasting nature of these provisions for the priesthood. Further, the eating of salt belonging to another person constituted a sacred bond between them. This again would symbolize the unbreakable nature of this covenant to provide for the priesthood.

The tithes provide for the priests and Levites (vs. 21-24). God has provided the plan for the care of his chosen leaders. The congregation is to practice tithing (vs. 21, 24, 26). We, the clergy, will forever be in deep gratitude for those faithful members of the congregation who have ministered to our material needs by following the biblical instruction to tithe. The clergy, like the Levites, have a responsibility to give the tithe of their incomes to the Lord as well (vs. 26). Woe be unto that minister who does not follow the model here and provide the model for the congregation by giving at least a tithe of his remuneration. It is holy unto the Lord, and "you shall not profane the holy things of Israel!"

Lloyd is pastor, First, Starkville.

The fulfillment of hope: the kinsman-redeemer

By Billy R. Williams
Ruth 4:9-17

The culmination of God's work in the lives of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz as recorded in this week's focal passage is a reminder that the Lord will deliver his people from difficult circumstances and bring true fulfillment to their lives as they trust him.

The ancient Hebrew custom of the *goel* (kinsman-redeemer) is the background of Boaz's actions as described in verses 9-12. According to this custom, if a man were to die and his widow forced to sell the land, then the deceased's brother (or nearest kin) had the obligation to purchase the property.

Associated with this practice was the custom of the Levirate marriage. Not only was the kinsman to redeem the property, but also if the deceased had no heir the kinsman-redeemer was to marry the widow. The first son born of such a marriage became the legal heir of the redeemed property. In this way, the name and heritage of the deceased would be perpetuated. While these practices seem out of place in to-

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day's world, the values which they represent — the solidarity of and responsibility to the family — are still relevant.

Boaz was willing to become Ruth's *goel* if the nearest kinsman in line would relinquish his responsibility (3:11-13). He sought to accomplish this by comforting the kinsman at the public meeting place — the city gates — before a quorum of ten elders. Faced with the dual responsibility of redeeming the land and marrying Ruth, the unnamed kinsman, fearing for his own legacy (verse 6), publicly relinquished his rights to Boaz, by the passing of his sash to Boaz (verses 7, 8).

Boaz then publicly assumed obligation of Elimelech's property (verse 9) and announced his intention to marry Ruth, stating as his purpose the perpetuation of the family of Mahlon (verse 10). This statement was in keeping with the noble character of this godly man.

The people and the elders not only gave legal witness to Boaz's claims but also pronounced a marriage benediction on the couple (verses 11-12). They prayed that Ruth might be as fruit-

ful as Jacob's wives, Rachel and Leah, from whose children, the nation descended, and as Tamar, also a foreigner, who bore twins, one of whom was Pharez, an ancestor of Boaz (verse 17-21).

It may well have been that Boaz was a childless widower, perhaps older than Ruth (as implied in 2:8 and 3:10). In that case the prayer for fruitfulness was not only with thoughts for Elimelech's line, but also for Boaz's line as well, since the first son of the marriage would be Boaz's heir, as well as Mahlon's. Whatever the case, it is true that benevolent and generous actions on behalf of others have a way of returning blessings into the life of the one performing them. The elders also prayed that Boaz's godly actions would result in his becoming renowned, prosperous, and successful (verses 11-12). Christians need to take note of the corporate spirit of joy and celebration expressed in behalf of Boaz and Ruth for the church ought to give prayerful support to those who rejoice, as well as to those who suffer.

Boaz took Ruth as his wife and in due time God blessed them with a son (verse 13). In the closing scenes of the book, however, it is Naomi, not Ruth, who is featured. The women of the city are delighted at the reversal of Naomi's circumstances, rejoicing with her in the birth of

a grandson. The child would mean much to Naomi, for he would restore joy and hope, as well as the family name and inheritance (verses 14-15). The women also paid a great tribute to Ruth, for they recognized that her loving faithfulness had been of more value to Naomi than "seven sons" (verse 15), which was to the Hebrew a perfect family.

That Naomi and Ruth had a close relationship was proved by the fact that the grandmother became the child's nurse (verse 16). In an unusual and unexplained move, the women of the city were allowed to name the child. The name "Obed" which they gave him meant "servant" and was perhaps reflective of his mother's care of Naomi or of the service that he would later render to his grandmother. It is a fitting name for an ancestor of the One who would say, "I am among you as he that serveth" (Luke 22:26).

The friends of Naomi had ascribed what happened to her as the hand of the Lord (verse 14). This is the theme of their beautiful little book — God at work in the lives of ordinary people, producing extraordinary results, because from Boaz and Ruth would be descended David, Israel's greatest king (verse 17), and Jesus, the world's "kinsman-redeemer" (Matthew 1:5-16).

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How we might gain wisdom from God

By Randall L. Von Kanel

Proverbs 2:6; 3:5-7, 11-12; 13:13-14, 20; 15:31-33; 29:1

Perhaps we all have met someone who had a good grasp on the academic, intellectual aspect of a subject, but who had no "common sense" comprehension for integrating that subject into life. Wisdom is God's gift of "life sense." Someone has defined wisdom as "seeing life from God's point of view." How we need wisdom in order to rightly respond to the practical issues of life. People are interested in heaven and hell and questions of eternity, but they are more interested in how to live here on earth lives that are pleasing to God. James wrote, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . , and it shall be given him." 1:5 Our lesson focuses on how we might gain wisdom from God.

As we begin a new unit of study entitled, "Living by God's Wisdom," we move into the textual material of the Proverbs. This collection of proverbs joins with Job, Ecclesiastes, and some of the psalms to comprise the "Wisdom literature" of the Old Testament. The proverbs, brief statements of wisdom or counsel, are

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directed toward issues of life. Marvin E. Tate (BBC, p. 9) claims that "Wisdom in the book of Proverbs is very much concerned with the art of good living; the techniques of the well-lived life."

I. Gaining Wisdom from God

Wisdom comes from God! In Proverbs 2:6, the writer asserts that wisdom is given by God. Surely, "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). The source of wisdom is God himself. Out of his very nature, God bestows the gift of wisdom to those who look to him. "Knowledge" and "understanding" constitute the two-fold nature of wisdom: a knowledge of life and a corresponding response to life. I am amazed at how often we consult the "how-to" offerings of this world without recourse to the wisdom that is from God. We may learn "how to do" from the books of man, but we can learn "how to live" only from the Book of life — God's Word. Wisdom is gained by looking to the Lord.

In light of the truth that wisdom comes from God, the writer charges us to put our trust in the Lord for life's direction (3:5-7). The admonition is to put the weight of our life, our whole

trust, in the Lord and not to use the crutch of our personal human insight. Paul wrote, "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). Our perception of life is flawed and is susceptible to error; we must wholly lean (faith) on the wisdom of God. The call is to recognize in sincere humility (v. 7) that God alone gives wisdom for life.

II. Gaining Wisdom through God's Discipline

Take a moment to look back on the times of your life. Do you see those moments when you learned the greatest lessons on life? Were they not times of "chastening" and "correcting"? God lovingly disciplines his children that we might know his wisdom. In Proverbs 3:11-12, the proverbs are instructional lines of wisdom from a father to his son. The primary overtone of discipline is teaching, not punishment. In his love, God corrects his children to the end that they might know wisdom. I can remember the times as a child when I was on the receiving end of a "rod of correction," and I would see the tears in the eyes of my parents. They loved me, and they taught me! So God loves us to know the ways of truth.

In Proverbs 13:13-14, the writer of the proverbs teaches that wisdom is gained through the discipline of God's Word. The reward of a full and meaningful life is deposited to those who heed the wise counsel of God's word. The

phrase, "law of the wise," refers to wise teachings that offer us the opportunity for growth in wisdom (v. 14). The company and counsel of wise persons (13:20) should be sought if we are to grow in wisdom.

III. Gaining Wisdom in the Fear of the Lord

What is the greatest hindrance to our gaining wisdom? It is not any innate lack of ability to have wisdom (for there is none), but it is our own stubborn refusal to admit that God alone is the source of wisdom. The writer testifies, "The fear (reverence) of the Lord teaches a man wisdom." (15:33 NIV) When we begin to respect God for who he is as God, we will be well on our way to gaining wisdom. In Proverbs 15:31-32 and Proverbs 29:1, the person who refuses to submit to the counsel of God rejects the offering of wisdom.

IV. Gaining Wisdom

Even as Solomon regarding wisdom as more important than great riches or long life (1 Kings 3:10-12), Christians must long for the wisdom of the Lord. Our prayer should be, "Give me wisdom, Lord — for you alone can give wisdom." Our understanding should be, "Teach me wisdom, Lord — even through your loving hand of discipline." Our worship should be, "Thou art wisdom, Lord — for you alone are God!"

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Revival dates

Crestview, Petal: Aug. 20-25; Fawzy Shorosh, Waynesboro, was born and reared in Nazareth, Israel, evangelist; Brad Griffin, youth and music director, Crestview, music; services, Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.

Gillsburg, Osyka: Aug. 27-30; homecoming, Sunday, 9:45 a.m., dinner on the grounds after morning service, musical service at 1:15 p.m., and evening worship service at 7 p.m.; Steve Hale, Evansville, Ind., full-time evangelist, secretary-treasurer for national conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists; Larry Cotton, Meadville, music director; revival services, Mon.-Wed., 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Paul Pearson, pastor.

New Harmony, Blue Springs: Aug. 27-31; Tommy Vinson, evangelist; Charlie Ransier, music; at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First, Durant: Aug. 27-31; Sunday, 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., noon and 7:30 p.m.; Rex Yancey, pastor; First, Quitman, preaching; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, music; Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Union South (Covington) Seminary: Aug. 27-Sept. 1; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Donny Berry, Oakdale, Brandon, evangelist; Steve Coleman, New Hebron, New Hebron, music; Gene Douglas, pastor.

Bethel (Copiah): Aug. 27; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; preaching by former pastor, Harold McClelland; dinner on the grounds followed by afternoon singing service; Glen Mullins, pastor.

Holly Grove (Simpson): Aug. 28-Sept. 1; services, 7:30 p.m.; Kenny Goff, evangelist; Pete Bates, minister of music; Roger Lee, pastor.

West Friendship, Tutwiler: Aug. 27-Sept. 1; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekdays, 7:30 p.m.; Manuel Weeks, Little Rock, Ark., evangelist; Hugh Clark, music leader; Dan Stroud, pastor.

First, Boyle: Aug. 27-Sept. 1; 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Frank Harmon, Newton, evangelist; Harold Smith, Tupelo, music.

First, Aberdeen: Aug. 27-30; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 11:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m., covered dish luncheon and service around the tables, and 7 p.m.; Howard Aultman, evangelist; Alan Kilgore, pastor.

Revival results

Shiloh (Carroll): Aug. 6-11, eight professions of faith; Ricky Kennedy, pastor, Meadow Grove, Brandon, evangelist; Doug Warren, pastor, Shiloh, music; Sandy Shirley, Vaiden, pianist.

Calif. clergy must report child abuse

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP) — Clergy in California are not exempt from a state law requiring child care providers to report suspected child abuse, a municipal judge has ruled.

Judge H. Ronald Domitz ruled that "The protection of children from child abuse and the prosecution of child molesters is a paramount concern of society which takes supremacy over any religious principles to the contrary, regardless of their sincerity."



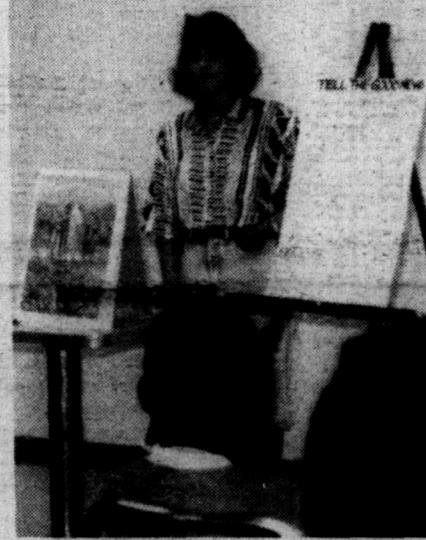
Girls play games under tent used for VBS at Carver Village, Pascagoula.

Jackson County — Part III

Youth teams teach VBS in apartment houses

By Anne McWilliams

A little boy crawled up into a young man's lap and said, "I wish you were my daddy." The young man was a



Tina May, Cedar Grove, tells story in VBS at Haywood Brooks Homes.

Ray named outstanding faculty member

Emogene Ray, associate professor of English, was named Most Outstanding Faculty Member at Blue Mountain College for the 1988-89 session. Miss Ray is a native of Pontotoc County.

In a resolution from the Board of Trustees, presented during Honors Day Convocation, Miss Ray was acknowledged as a faithful and dedicated faculty member, committed to teaching and to the development of each student. Her understanding of teaching, strengthened by her academic ability and professional nature, have provided preparation, guidance, and inspiration for numerous students in her classes.

Since joining the faculty in September, 1966, Miss Ray has served as an advisor for classes, publications, and student organizations in addition to her teaching responsibilities.

The most outstanding faculty/staff member award was established by the college's board of trustees in 1972 to recognize the qualities of a master teacher/administrator and as a means of expressing gratitude for significant contributions to the



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